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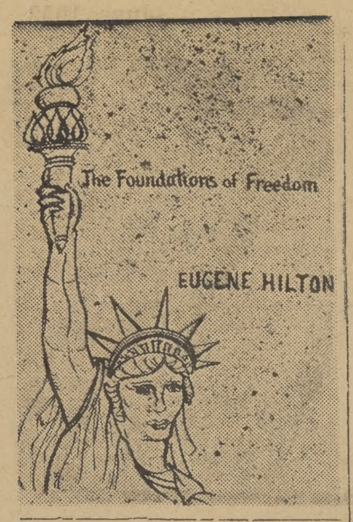
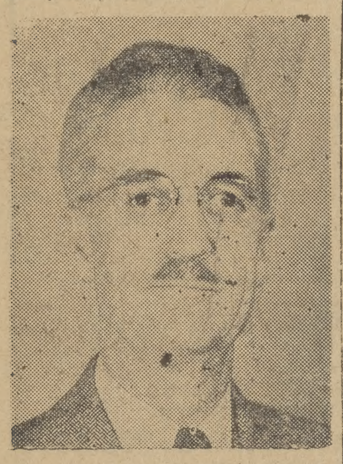


Local Author Again Honored

The Northern California LDS Colony has received high honors in the unexpected and rare distinction that has come to former Oakland Stake President, Eugene Hilton, now filling a mission with his wife and daughter in the British Isles.

Solely on merit has come Honorary Membership in the Interna-



tional Mark Twain Society, aptly called the "League of Nations of Literature." Its membership has won the title of the world's "Who's Who," and includes such names as Winston Churchill and Herbert Hoover. The president of the United States is always designated Honorary President.

Eugene, author of several widely used social science text books, attracted the eyes of the selecting committee of this International Society by the 1951 publication of his new book, "The Foundations of Freedom." This contribution treats in a manner judged very effective the heavy and difficult theme of freedom so that the theme has meaning for youth.

Elder Hilton's name is now enrolled among the really great names which comprise the 76 honorary memberships of the Society, names thus recognized solely for their contribution to literature. A Certificate of Honorary Membership suitably designed and signed for framing is issued to each life member. No dues or other obligations are attached to this membership. It is purely honorary.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers End Season's Work

Berkeley Camp gave a luncheon at the home of Thomas S. Ferguson in Orinda May 19. Mrs. Pearl Ferguson (Tom's mother) was hostess. Mrs. Thomas Ferguson assisted her mother-in-law. The new officers chosen for the next two years are: Florence K. Nielson, Captain, Jeanette O. Barrett and Jennie Dusenberry, Vice Captains, and Druzilla M. Stout, Secretary.

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers have brought to a close the year's most successful activities. Alameda Co. Camp was host for the Bay District Convention in February, 1952.

The D.U.P. camps in East Oakland made pilgrimages to the "Old Mormon Adobe" site, near Niles, and to the site of the John M. Horner chapel and school house in Centerville. Some Camps gave programs on "The Mormons in Alameda County a Century Ago."

MIA DISTRICT DANCE FESTIVAL PLANNED AT OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, JUNE 7

Saturday, June 7, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., the largest and finest dance spectacle yet offered by the four bay area stakes of Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco and Palo Alto, reinforced with an all-girl dance, "Waltz Pallet," from Fresno stake, will be presented to all Church members and their friends free of charge.

Presented in the grand manner at the commodious auditorium of the Oakland High School, corner of MacArthur and Park Blvds., Oakland, this five-stake affair will enjoy the advantages of a spacious stage with the latest in lighting effects and accoustics.

"The dance leaders of all local stakes extend a cordial invitation to all Church members and their friends to attend this annual dance festival to watch the season's dance program of the MIA in action and to see colorful dances of many lands," says the official announcements of the festival by Marlton Simons.

The dance leaders of the four bay area stakes held their second Institute Saturday, April 26, at the Berkeley ward recreation hall.

Marlton Simons, districts dance supervisor, conducted the Institute and led in a helpful review of ballroom dancing. Assisting were Carl Anderson, San Francisco stake dance director and Trieste Hall, Oakland stake YW MIA activity counselor. Seen were the round dances and the mixers which will be done ensemble at the All-Church Dance Festival in Salt Lake City, June 13.

BYU Mexico Tour Open to All Saints

Almost every mode of transportation will be employed by members of the Brigham Young University Spanish tour during their 21-day tour of Mexico this summer.

According to Prof. H. Darrell Taylor, who will be in charge of the group, the 25 tour members will travel most of the 6000 miles in new private automobiles. They will fly to Acapuco fishing resort, ride horseback to the Paricutin volcano, go boating on Michoacan Lakes and take gondolas in the floating gardens of Mexico City.

The group will leave BYU campus June 10. Students will receive university credit since the tour is a regular summer school course in Spanish language and Mexican culture. Reaching Mexico City at the height of the opera season they will attend concerts and operas in the Palace of Fine Arts.

Many attractions related to the Book of Mormon archaeology also will be visited, Prof. Taylor said. Four more members can be accepted for the current tour. Applications should be directed to the BYU Extension Division immediately by interested parties.

Archibold Bennett, World-Wide Genealogical Researcher, Attends Berkeley-Oakland Convention

Attending the local genealogical convention May 18 and declaring that leading non-Mormon genealogists who formerly made trips to European centers to consult genealogical records are now finding better facilities regarding those same records by coming to the Church Genealogical Offices in Salt Lake City. Elder Bennett asserted that this fulfills a prophecy recorded in 1911.

In 1911 Nephi Anderson, author of "Added Upon," predicted that genealogical records would be gathered from every nation under heaven and stored in Zion. At that time microfilming of records was unknown. Now the Church has five of these machines in constant operation in European centers and opposition is rapidly melting so that everywhere we are able to go forward copying and sending to the Church vaults thousands upon thousands of old records.

"There should be 16 members on each ward committee in all stakes of Zion trained and invited into the homes of the saints to aid in starting and enlarging by research family records and preparing sheets for temple work," said Elder Bennet. Letter writing if persisted in brings results in many added genealogical records.

Each adult should now begin to write the history of his or her life and fill it with illustrations. Give children a chance to develop by doing some phases of the family record making.

YOUNG FRENCH CONVERT

A surprise attendant at the Convention May 18 held in the Oakland chapel was a young Frenchman, Christian E. Dolin, now at Fort Ord, a 1945 convert and an

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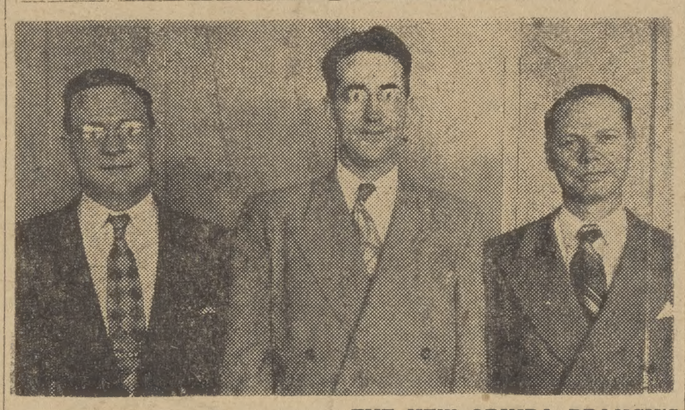
First Presidency Approves Special Primary Parents' And Officers Meeting

Word comes from Salt Lake City as the Messenger goes to press that the First Presidency has given official approval for the calling of a great joint meeting of the parents of Primary children and Primary officers throughout the entire East Bay area of the Berkeley and Oakland stakes. This meeting, the first of its kind ever held here, will meet in the Oakland ward chapel July 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Berkeley stake president of Primaries, Annette Wood, announces that a member of the General Primary Board is coming from Salt Lake City to deliver a special message to parents of Primary-age children. Especially designated as those who should attend the meeting along with the parents are the stake representatives of the priesthood from both stakes, ward bishops and stake and ward officers and teachers of the Primary Associations concerned.

....Special music will feature the meeting and every care is being made to provide for one of the largest and most impressive meetings of the year. All concerned are now called upon, say the Primary officials of both Oakland and Berkeley stakes, to mark this date and to see that continuous notices of the coming area-wide meeting are given out in the wards concerned from the earliest moment until the date of the meeting in early.. July. ..Wherever.. possible share-the-ride arrangements are advised.



THE NEW ORINDA BRANCH'S first presidency, left to right: Sam Scott, Thomas S. Ferguson, president, and Mylon L. Nealy. Berkeley stake's twelfth unit, Orinda Branch meets in the commodious Ferguson home Sunday morning for Sunday School and a short Sacrament meeting. Primary is also held regularly at the Community church in Orinda.

Dr. M. Wells Jakeman Authors Publication

The first in a series of Archaeological publications by the Brigham Young University Archaeology department, an early account of Ancient Yucatan, came off the press in late May.

Edited and translated by Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, chairman of the archaeology department at BYU, and a former Berkeleyan while studying at the U.C., the work is entitled, "Historical Recollections of Gaspar Antonio Chi." According to Dr. Jakeman, much of what we know about the Mayan Indian before the Spanish conquest came from this individual who lived in the 16th century. His accounts have been combined for the first time in Dr. Jakeman's research and compilation.

The publication, for the first part, is in original Spanish, with Dr. Jakeman's English translation following. The publications will be used as text books and later as outlets for research activities.

Thomas S. Ferguson, author of "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon," was a fellow student at the University of California with Dr. Jakeman and owes much of his original interest in Middle American Archeaology to Dr. Jakeman's enthusiasm.

Oakland Stake Activates Special Committee; Aim Increase Sacrament Meeting Attendance Award Announced For Best Slogan Offered

Delbert F. Wright, president of the Oakland Stake, has announced the appointment of a special committee to aid in the increasing of Sacrament meeting attendance.

This committee, consisting of Elmo R. Smith, Roy F. Weindorf, Adella Swensen, Marcel F. Lauper and Bishop A. Gifford Jackson, has the responsibility of suggesting and initiaiting practices calculated to increase interest in this important meeting.

Search for an appropriate slogan to be used by the committee has commenced. All readers of the Messenger are urged to submit as many slogans as they wish. The author of the best slogan, in the judgment of the committee, will receive a church book of his own selection as a gift. Slogans should be mailed to Elmo R. Smith, 4229 Linnet Avenue, Oakland 2, California, on or before June 30, 1952.

Oakland Stake Scouts Sponsor Special Flag Day Show At Grand Lake Theatre

Boy Scouts of America Oakland troops 2, 4, 8, 15, 16, 44 and 72, are unitedly sponsoring a special Flag Day show at the popular Grand Lake Theatre, Oakland, Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the show will be divided among the eight troops as a benefit fund for the Scouts' camping program during the current season.

Price of admission is only 50 cents. Tickets are now being sold by the Scouts of the above mentioned troops.

The show should prove interesting to old as well as young. There will be fun and excitement for all. In addition to the Lassie feature picture, there will be cartoons and special short subjects, special Scout skits and a flag day ceremony. Several attractive door prizes should also combine to make this show a delightful occasion and place in which our boys and girls and their folks can spend the forenoon of the great American Flag Day, June 14.

See a Scout for your ticket today.

Newest, Largest LDS Security Farm In West Goes Into Full Production

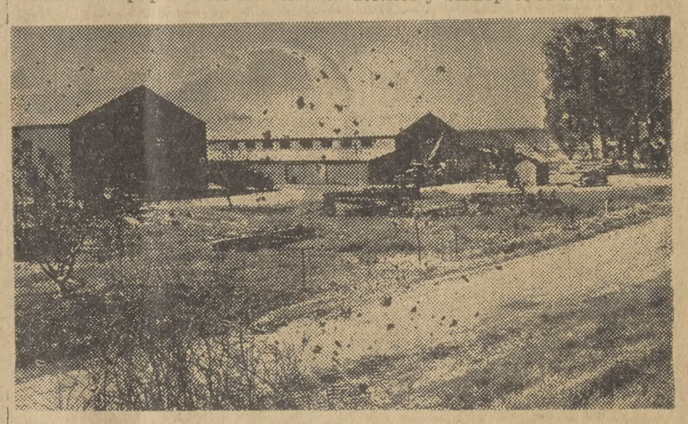
2300 Acres On Sacramento River East of Woodland, Calif.

Ten miles east of Woodland, in Yolo county, and stretching along the Sacramento river's west bank, lies the 2300-acre Rich farm which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints purhased for $800,000 in November, 1951.

Visiting this farm for the purpose of photographing some of its many features were four members of the Oakland, Berkeley and Santa Rosa stakes, namely, Ray E. Campbell of Suisun, printer of the Messenger and two other papers, and also photographer and engraver; his wife, Maxine, linotype operator and business manager of the Campbell publishing house, Francis Mayo of Oakland, experienced newspaper man and former advertising manager of the Improvement Era, and I. B. Ball, editor of the Messenger at Berkeley.

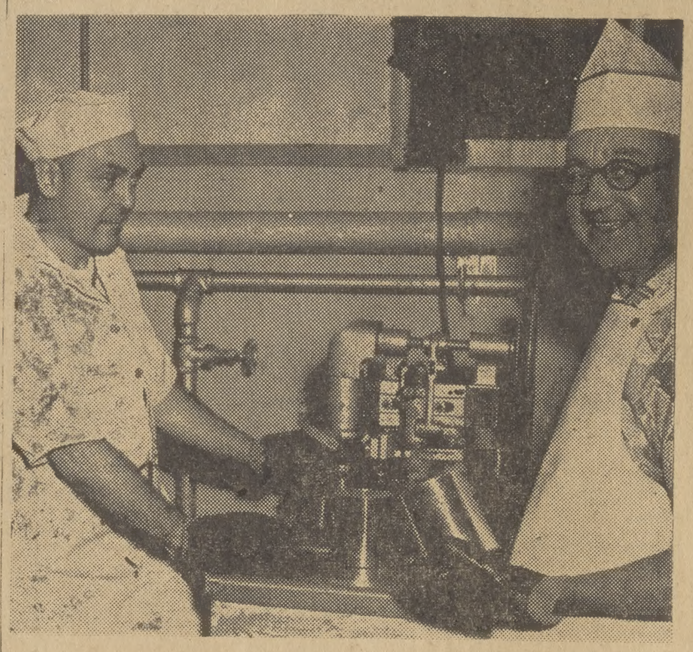
The title of this largest Church farm (except the latest one in Florida), lies in the corporation of the San Joaquin stake of Zion. The farm administration is handled by a committee of three: Henry D. Moyle of the Council of Twelve and also one of the heads of the General Church Welfare Committee, and Wendell Mendenhall of Stockton, president of the San Joachin stake.

Active manager on the spot is Albert Crandall, formerly in the presidency of the San Joaquin stake and brother of Leo Crandall formerly bishop of Alameda ward.



Shown above are two of the huge farm equipment sheds on the great 2300 acre farm which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints purchased in 1951 from Mr. Rich, the owner and operator. This huge farm stretches a mile in one direction and three and one-half miles in the other along the levee-protected shores of the wide Sacramento river. Six men were working on the farm in April; this will be increased to 30 or 40 in the top growing season, and to 100 to 300 in the harvest period.

Above is shown a view of the 600 acres on the gigantic 2300 acre farm which the Church bought in November 1951 and which is located in Yolo county, straight east of Woodland on the west bank of the Sacramento River. The 600 acre plot shown will be planted to tomatoes which already have been contracted for by the Campbell Soup Company. This will take some 2,700,000 plants which are shipped in from Indio, in the southern California irrigated desert section. A mammoth tractor-drawn planter, operated by seven persons, will set these plants at the rate of 25 acres in one day and it takes 4500 plants per acre. And every plant is set in a trench freshly moistened by the same machine that plants and firms the soil about the seedling plants. Every operation is mechanized. Not a cow or horse is on the 2300 acres, but one sees at least $25,000 worth of the latest machinery, all serviced and repaired right on the farm in as complete a machine shop as one will find in many towns of ten thousand people.



—Photo by Ed Pyle.

San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes now stress and encourage the cooperative group purchase and canning of meats and all kinds of fruits and vegetables as they become available in the advancing season. A special permit for canning not only the acid but all the non-acid fruits and vegetables has been obtained by Berkeley stake's bishop's council for the express purpose of making the excellent facilities available not only for the budget canning which will be small this year, but for family canning and saving in food costs. The hope is that all families will now take steps to stock up on foods in this economical way which will make a two-years' supply a possibility and reality for all who desire to obey the council of the Church Leaders.

Mormon Male Chorus Heads Genealogical Musical Concert June 9

The Mormon Male Chorus and other concert numbers will feature the second annual Berkeley Genealogical Musical Concert, on Monday, June 9, at 8:00 p.m., will see the seond annual Genealogical Musical Concert assembled at the Berkeley chapel. Open to all Church members and friends without charge, this artistic presentation will feature, besides the professional Mormon Male Chorus, Vera Meredith in solos, Mary Russell, organ numbers; Bro. Casto and Miriam Ellsworth, readings; and a missionary quartette, accompanied by Mrs. Neita Van Noy of Dimond ward.

Coming just before the June MIA Conference in Salt Lake City, this concert will serve to promote

interest in temple work, says C. Ronald Smith, stake Genealogical Committee chairman.

Last year's concert under the same auspices was an artistic success and well attended. The officers in charge have planned for a greatly increased attendance this year from all sections of the stake on the part of both members and their friends and neighbors.

Messenger Enlargement Ordered; Management Committee Takes Action; Favors Format of 7 Longer Columns

The Management and Editorial Committee of the Messenger decided at its regular monthly meeting, May 15, that the Messenger has now reached a stage in its development which demands an enlarged format and increased space, announced the chairman of the committee, Albert P. Heiner of Oakland stake, after the meeting held in Berkeley.

The May issue of the Messenger, printed on the enlarged format, brought forth commendations and the decision by the committee to continue on that seven, 20-inch column style, in place of the former five and six column papers. It is felt that this size of the eight-page paper will more adequately carry the necessary news of the growing population of the four stakes now underwriting the Messenger and at the same time make a better appeal to an enlarged circle of area-wide advertisers. Plans are underway for including larger advertisers who can profit by the increasing circulation which is now fast growing toward the seven thousand mark and may reach, it was felt, ten thousand in the near future, and probably cover a wider area of stakes.

It was pointed out that the paper's new policy includes a full editorial page with a local art production for each month and several columnists, besides the "Our Readers' Views" section; also a page devoted to area-wide society news. Further plans envision departments of special interest to the ladies, to children, and to the sports fans.

A call has been sent out to ward and stake reporters to include in their coverage, and on separate sheets, items of news under these heads, especially of births, marriages, showers, parties, vacations and travel, congratulations, obituaries, Scouts and personalities.

The committee especially sensed the value of readers' comments, and decided that an invitation should be extended to the Messenger readers to freely express themselves on questions concerning things of mutual concern.

Special Cannery Permit Sought; Group Canning Meats, Fruits, etc., Invited, Aim Increase Quality; Hold Down Food Cost

Word comes from the Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco stakes welfare officials that special emphasis this year will be placed so as to encourage more general group canning on a cooperative pattern.

The Bishops' Council of the Berkeley stake at their meeting in May, took action to secure a permit for canning meats as well as all kinds of fruits and vegetables. Oakland stake this year will secure permits concerning only acid fruits and vegetables, but the emphasis there also will be placed upon urging group action in preserving as much food as possible for home storage by the membership in general.

It was pointed out by Cornell Jarman, chairman of the Berkeley stake Bishops' Council that the Welfare Budget assignment is comparatively small. Therefore the Council joins with the other stakes in this area to encourage more group canning of meats and all kinds of fruits and vegetables in order to fill up the family shelves.

It is declared that this practice will effect considerable saving and provide food of superior quality and enhanced taste appeal.

"We hope the members of the stakes will give this matter serious consideration, particularly now that the season is at hand for this activity," states Bishop Cornell Jarman of Berkeley and Elmo R. Smith of the Oakland stake presidency. "Our families own these wonderful facilities which our Welfare Program provides and could well adopt plans for cooperative family canning of all sorts of perishable foods.

"Well organized troups can be very effective both in getting good quality food at attractive prices by cooperative buying; and in canning them at top quality condition for nourishment and taste appeal," declares the Bishops' Council announcement.

OAKLAND STAKE

Oakland Stake News

By Mildred Fontano

Elder Wm. Atkins of the Dimond ward now home from his mission in the Somoan Islands, recounted his labors Sunday May 11 to a happy, attentive audience, and was tendered a reception following the meeting.

Howard Daniels our returned missionary who answered a call to service for Uncle Sam sends word that he finds more opportunity for proselyting in the service than in the mission field. The buddies ask questions and start discussions from early morning till late at night—no appointments necessary. How thankful we are for these fine returned missionaries who are being set apart, before going into service, as group leaders by Elder Thys Winkel who has charge of service men in the Oakland stake.

The Daughters of the American Revolution of Oakland, invited Mildred Fontano to be a guest speaker at their April meeting in the Veterans Memorial building. Mrs. Fontano retold some stories about her relatives who served in the Revolution. Also she said the Church she belonged to taught that this land of America was choice above all other lands, and that the constitution was written by men inspired of God. The D.A.R. asked her to become a member and were very appreciative of her talk.

Dr. Evan Perkins son of Anson and Hilda Perkins of Dimond ward is convalescing after a very long month of suffering following an operation in a San Francisco hospital.

On the Saturday evening prior to Mother's Day the Oakland Stake High Priests gave a program and pot luck dinner in Dimond ward chapel honoring their wives and mothers. Carnations were destributed to all ladies present. The High Priest presidency of Berkeley Stake

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Centerville Ward

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our Sunday School is staffed with a very efficient group of officers and teachers: Superintendency, Dan Bodily, Thomas Pugmire and Andrew Hunt; chorister, Edwin Maughn; Secretary, Isabelle Oxborrow; Asst. secretary, Darlene Wilson; librarian, Mary Campbell; and teachers, James A. Robertson, Maria Easten, Marie Lindsay; Arty Green; Ruth Linder; John L Linder; Ardis Cazier; Ann Nunes; Cecille Truscott and Sister Balding. At the Corretation Meeting May 14 the S S. was the only organization with 100 per cent attendance.

The Relief Society is another up and coming organization. It is presided by Marie Lindsay with counselors Arty Green and Cecellie Truscott, and secretary Burma Maughn. Monday May 12 at the R. E. Convention of the Oakland-Berkeley stakes eight of our ladies were present: Marie Lindsay, Arty Green, Ruth Hunt, Marie Eaton, Burma Maughn, Annie Nunes, Mildred Brinkerhoff and Cecille Truscott. Our R. S. meets now on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the IOOF Hall in Irvington. The sewing days will continue during the summer months.

Primary. Centerville Branch Primary convention was held for the first time April 2 and since then the enrollment and participation has not been below 95 per cent The Primary officers and teachers are: The presidency, Farrell Pugmile, Wilma Steadman and Ruth Linder; secretary, Bernetta Alsop; chorister, Myrtle Jibson; organist, Rose Winkel; teachers, Ardis Cazier. Evelyn Barlow, Darlene Balding and Mary Campbell.

Correlation Meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Primary Children of Oakland Stake on Stage. P[illegible]oto Dated 1950.

Maxwell Park News

By Norma Williams

Vivian Williams will be released from the Great Lakes Mission June 18. She will stop in Utah a few days and return to Oakland shortly after the Fourth of July.

Ed Briscoe has been transferred from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery, Alabama. He has only six more months to serve before he will be released from the mission field.

The rummage sale held by the Primary May 15, 16 and 17 was

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Alameda Ward News

By Verla J. Smith

The Golden Gleaner award a pin and a corsage presented to Lola Stam May 26 at Sacrament meeting, Sister Beatrice Larsen, stake Gleaner Supervisor, was present with a beautiful singing choral group.

Delia Thiel's Youth Chorus presented its first program on the Mother's Day program. They are now diligently working on numbers for the Stake Music Festival.

The Bee Hive girls received honor awards at the Stake Swarm Day celebration, May 31: Iona Radabaugh, Donna Hughes, and Maxine Grow.

Lorane Brake is now assistant in our MIA music department. Loraine, now attending the Conservatory of Music in Oakland, has been a BYU student, and comes to us with training as director and accompanist.

Replacing Isabel Buck, attendance secretary working with the Girl's program is Marie Smith. as experienced Primary and MIA worker.

Seymour Murray, formerly

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Oakland Stake Softball Schedule

JUNE 9

6:45 p.m.—Oakland vs. Hayward
8:00 p.m.—Alameda vs. Dimond
9:15 p.m.—Elmhurst vs. Castro Valley
Maxwell Park, bye
San Leandro, bye

JUNE 16

6:45 p.m.—Alameda vs. Castro Valley
8:00 p.m.—Dimond vs. Maxwell Park
9:15 p.m.—Elmhurst vs. San Leandro
Hayward, bye
Oakland, bye

JUNE 23

6:45 p.m.—Oakland vs. Dimond
8:00 p.m.—Alameda vs. Maxwell Park
9:15 p.m.—Hayward vs. Elmhurst
San Leandro, bye
Castro Valley, bye

JUNE 30

6:45 p.m.—Castro Valley vs. San Leandro
8:00 p.m.—Oakland vs. Elmhurst
9:15 Alameda vs. Hayward
9:15 p.m.—Alameda vs. Hayward
Maxwell Park, bye
Dimond, bye

JULY 7

6:45 p.m.—Dimond vs. Elmhurst
8:00 p.m.—Maxwell Park vs. Castro Valley
9:15 p.m.—San Leandro vs. Alameda
Oakland, bye
Hayward, bye

Livermor[illegible] Br. News

By Fay [illegible]

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The Prima[illegible]y and Relief Society Preside[illegible]ts gave combined party of tha[illegible]nks for all their officers and [illegible]teachers. Full support is reall[illegible]y appreciated. The theme of th[illegible]e party was roses; favors and [illegible]decorations carried out the idea[illegible]

For the l[illegible]st regular meeting of the year [illegible]the Relief Society will feature [illegible]a demonstration on the use of [illegible]a home freezer, at the home o[illegible]f Sister Fay Kern. All are invi[illegible]ed.

Primary [illegible]Conference is over. Big smiles [illegible]are seen on several satisfaction [illegible]in labors well done. The attenda[illegible]nce that night was wonderful. E[illegible]veryone seemed glad they were [illegible]there to enjoy the children's p[illegible]articipation.

Mother's [illegible]Day gifts were made in each of [illegible]the Primary classes fo rthe mot[illegible]hers.

The Sund[illegible]ay School will present the eve[illegible]ning's program, Sunday on Jun[illegible]e 1st. There will be a social fo[illegible]llowing. The superintendency [illegible]thanks all helpers on the Mother[illegible]'s Day program.

Our bra[illegible]nch is growing more and severa[illegible]l new members have been adde[illegible]d to our group during the past [illegible]month. We welcome them in [illegible]our midst.

Thought[illegible]s for the month: "Some [illegible]people depend too little on th[illegible]e Lord; and some depend too muc[illegible]h on Him."

Claremont Ward

Elder Eilliam K. Vaughn now in Australia on a mission from Claremont ward sends word that he is now working in the most fruitful arera that he has experienced on his mission. The town bears the odd name of "Toowoomba," which he calls "the most fertime gospel area I've worked in." However, he mentions that his mail had best be sent to mission headquarters from whence it will be forwarded to him whenever he moves. The address for mail therefore is C/O Mission Home, 412 Mont Albert, Vistoria, Australia.

The ward chapel is fast taking shape, and as it does so, the members feel all the more at heart a great desire to complete the structure and enjoy its conveniences and beauty in our worship. It is felt that this soirit is soon to grip the minds and the wills of the membership more than ever, so that more man-hours will be donated each day and week from this time forward until the dedication ceremony.

We welcome gladly our returned missionary from the Netherlands, Robert Burdette. How fine he looks, and how inspirational he speaks.

Hayward Ward News

As all have noticed we are trying out different organs in our chapel, trying to decide which will fill our needs the best. This is part of our Freedom from Debt program: To have our chapel paid for completely, furnished with organ and all to be dedicated in honor of our pioneer forefathers, on the 26th of July. All that is needed now is the necessary money. Please, if you haven't made your pledge or paid your share and do so now. No one likes to think that anyone has to hold up their end of anything for them. The Bishopric urges all to help in our declaration Free from Debt. by July 4th.

The Aaronic Priesthood program under their leader Walter Graff was very good. The boys chosen from the Deacon, Teacher and Priest Quorum respectively, each gave a fine talk on how to honor their Priesthood at school, in sports and with the LDS girls. Bishop Ostler wound it up a fine advice to the boys on the fact that they were the leaders of tomorrow. He pointed to the fact that only a handful of the ward population of Aaronic Priesthood boys were present and urged all of members to use their influence to get the others into actiivty. He commended very highly the boys who were present. Geraldine Goetling gave a short address on the Girls view of the Priesthood.

Our Fast day for May was a very inspirational. Many people bore their testimonies. A fine feeling was felt by all present. The Lord has reminded us to "Acknowledge Him in all things and He will direct our paths."

April 28 a shower was held for Mary Jane Root at the home of Aleene Richardson. Mary Jane received many lovely things for her new little baby.

Burton Ray was ordained a Priest. It is good to see the boys advance in the priesthood

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Dimond Ward

Dimond ward welcomes home Don Weiland from his long service in Korea. It is also good to again see Carmen and Keith Stephens, both home from their mission in the East, Albert Bill Atkins is also home from his mission to far-off Somoa.

Congratulations to Don Von Noy on his selection as new stake M Men and Gleaner chairman.

We shall miss Karl and Barta Sewell and family who are moving to Los Angeles, and Bert and Dorothy Perkins and family, who leave us for Salt Lake City. Business calls in its case. Earl Larson is also moving to the Southland.

Congratulations to Leland Wilcox, new YM superintendent, and thanks to former superintendent, Karl Sewell. Thanks, also, to Donna Pearce and Dorothy Poulton, released YL counselors.

Appreciation goes to Mrs. Unity Fulkerson, released Primary teacher and counselor, and to all teachers of our auxiliary organizations who are being released at this time for various reasons.

Congratulations to Ruth Swanson, new Primary Counselor.

San Leandro Ward

During the month of May our San Leandro Ward sacrament services have been exceptionally fine; thoughtful planning of the music by our Ward choir; Bro. Inger's beautiful painting of the risen Christ, recently added to our chapel. We appreciate the painting more each week and would like to take this opportunity to invite friends from other Wards to call at the chapel to see the picture.

A delightful Primary program, "The Children Sing," was presented the evening of May 4th.

Julia Sylvester, acting president of our Ward Primary has helped immeasurably with the organization as have her assisting officers and teachers. New officers include Rhea Dosal, president, Bertha Berger, counselor, and Donna Nelson, secretary.

Another fine evening church service was presented by the Aaronic Priesthood, May 18. Music for the evening was presented by the Ward's Youth Chorus under the direction of Helen McBride. It was splendid.

This same Youth Chorus added a great deal to the MIA Music Festival Tuesday evening, May 6, The talent displayed was surprising.

Our Ward Choir a group of 24 voices is conducted by Verna Jackson, with organist Billie Joy Milliron. There isn't anything that adds any more to a Sacramento service than choral music. This past month the choir presented to the Ward an additional 24 song books

Ruby Ostler, president of the YLMIA for the past three years, was released together with her counselors, Doris Hansen and Lorna Beach, with a sincere vote of thanks. Doris Hansen, the new president, was chosen as her counselors, Ruth Nelson and Anna Calhoun.

We are proud too of our Boy Scout Troop 15 and their display at the Scout-O-Rama held at the Oakland Auditorium this past month. A dinner is planned for the early part of June. The proceeds to take care of expenses for their summer camping trips.

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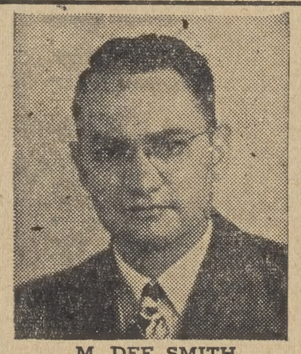

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Santa Rosa Ward

Bishop's Message
By IMOGENE ALLEN.

"Our Church government is set up in such a way that all organizations know the proper channels to follow in searching for council and advice. It is important that we respect and honor this procedure. The men placed in authority in the various auxiliaries have been set apart for their particular calling and are entitled to receive the Holy Spirit to aid them in guiding and counseling those under them. Many examples can be found verifying the truth of this.

"I was at one time in a position to give council to a certain organization. When I was asked to suggest a man to lead some boys. I named a certain man. This council was instantly declined. Later that man was called to that position and proved himself worthy. The one who had come seeking advice apologized to me for doubting my word and also to the man chosen to lead the boys for judging him unjustly.

We should harken always to the voices of prophets and respect and honor those placed in authority over us."—Bishop Cloyd R. Moss.

An outstanding musical was presented at Mutual recently under the direction of Maud Brisco and her daughter Joyce. Those displaying their talents were: Louise Arntsen, Kathryn Reed, Donald Fleming, Bryce Orcutt, D. Lawrence Olsen, Helen Berry, Cleo Smith, Lois Magowan, Marilyn Soderquist and the Santa Rosa Ward Youth Chorus.

Mothers were justly honored at the Mother's Day program prepared by the ward Sunday School superintendency. Presentation of a pink carnation to each mother brought a fitting climax to the program.

"The Children Sing" proved to be an apt title to a very well planned Primary Conference. Around 75 children participated in song and drama.

Sebastopol Branch

ROSALIE FISH.

(Delayed. Came too late for May Messenger).

"And I gave unto you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom—teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you."

We are very happy to be meeting in our new hall. Our Father in heaven has indeed blessed us with this meeting place and we are very thankful that at last we have a hall that will be ours to use exclusively.

All are deeply grateful to Sister Julia Silva for taking time out to donate and arrange lovely flowers in such a pleasing manner in our new meeting place.

Our first social held April 9th by the Relief Society celebrated its anniversary. Young and old attended and all enjoyed the delicious chicken and noodle dinner with ice cream and cake for dessert.

Sister Lillian Badger is organizing a branch library with the help of her two assistants, Joan Hardisty and Marilyn Silva. This will surely be a welcome addition especially to those conducting the classes.

In the stroubled times it is well to remember the words of Richard L. Evans, "and we must learn in our lifetime, as others have learned in theirs, to accept the actual circumstances and situations of our own time, and to face the future with faith."

● Born to Jean and Allen White March 19 a son, Mark Richmond White.

SEMINARIES BEGIN REGISTRATION FOR THE 1952-53 SCHOOL YEAR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

LDS High School students in Southern California, May 11, begin registering for the 1952-53 Seminary year. More than 50 classes have been requested for next year by the ward and stake leaders. These will extend into 11 stakes from San Fernando on the north to San Bernardino on the south.

Classes are held each day during the school year for one hour before regular school. Seminary teachers are local Church members who are employed by the LDS Department of Education to teach this class each morning and then go to their regular employment.

Students completing this year's Course of Study in Old Testament History will receive certificates indicating their successful completion of the year's work. Requirements are 75 per cent attendance and satisfactory classwork. Students completing three years of study receive graduation diplomas. Credit earned in California seminaries is now accepted toward college entrance at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

Vallejo 2nd Ward

By ATHOLL WARR.
Bishop's Message

If we are to truly follow Christ, we will take his advice in which he tells us to seek first the Kingdom of God. He actually meant that we should give it first place in our lives. We should have "no other gods before him," neither should we have any habits or tendencies, or desires, or practices, which are given preference to our religion. In times of decision, let us remember to put the Kingdom of God first.—Bishop David A. Harris.

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The Relief Society had a Apron and What-Not sale on May 1 and they sold everything but the furniture in the hall.

The Primary Conference was wonderful and the children did so well that we want to congratulate them. Verda Wilcox, Julia Mitton and Lydia Stewart can be proud of their teachers.

The Sunday School Mother's Day program was a credit to our ward.

May 11 at Sacrament meeting Sr. Echo Hawkins of the San Francisco ward talk to us on geneology work. After the meeting, upon request, she stayed and had a question and answer period, which was appreciated by everyone.

Our Young People's Chorus is well underway under the direction of Dell Harris. We want to wish them success.

The Special Interest Class of Mutual, under the direction of Sister Estella Kelly and Dell Harris, sponsored a tour through the C & H sugar refinery at Crockett. The sugar company furnished the guides.

Some dates to remember: June 3, Stake Dance Festival in Santa Rosa; June 13, a movie here in the ward; and June 27, a dance cojointly with Vallejo first ward.

We have had some visitors in the ward the past month. From Wyoming, Phil and Lois Burgess and two daughters, here visiting her parents, Bro. and Sister Leon Stewart. Bro. Stewart is away at school in the East for a couple of months.

From Salt Lake Dona Benware's mother, Sister. Worthington and her sister, Helen, came for a short visit. Bevy Benware is away at school at Camp Irwin, California.

From Texas, Ervin and Blossom Smith and their infant son, have returned to make their home here, while he is stationed at Hamilton Field. Blossom is the daughter of Bro. and Str. Leland Knight.

From Murray we had Brother Ericksen and his sister. Elder Ericksen was a former missionary who labored in Vallejo.

From Tooele, of course, we have Sister Stevens, the mother of Sister Howard Hacking. Sister Stevens is a regular commuter.

Let's not forget our building fund program—a little regular donation from each family would sure help. We ought to see a chapel on our building before too long.

Vallejo 1st Ward

By LaRue Powell

An excellent teacher's training meeting was conducted recently in our ward by High Councilman, Joseph Allen of Santa Rosa.

After serving under three Bishops, during the past five years, Edgar J. Tittenser was recently released as Ward Clerk at Sacrament services May 11. 1952. The Bishopric and ward members wish to express their appreciation to this grand couple Edgar and Lorna, for their fine work and faithfulness.

The newly chosen Ward Clerk, Phillip Farrin was a former clerk of the Gridley Stake and hence well qualified for this important position.

The lovely music played by the Brigham Young University Symphony Orchestra on April 29, was a cultural uplift to everyone. Thanks to those who entertained the young musicians in their homes. Mr. E. Z. Taylor, deserves words of thanks for circulating the tickets and making other arrangements.

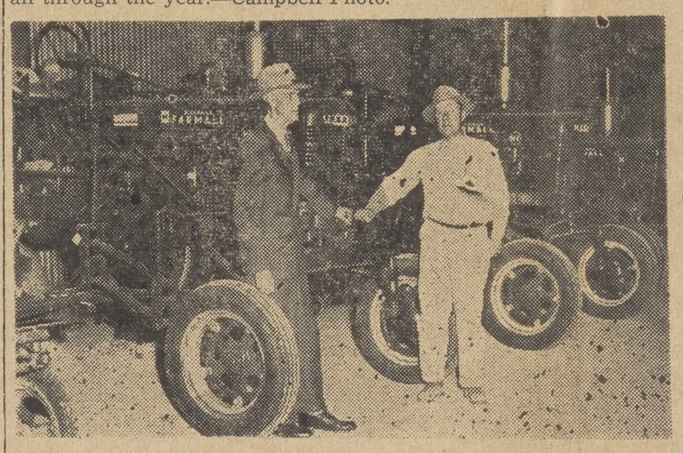
Seventeen Aaronic priesthood boys with Bishop Vernon Newman and Dee Powell, left early May 17, and enjoyed a tour of the State Capitol building, Sutter's fort and other points of interest in Sacramento.

The Relief Society Presidency entertained at a lovely party and luncheon May 23, for the Visiting Teachers. Plans are being made for a summer program to interests all ladies.

The Mutual officers anticipate a full summer program for everyone. Plan to attend the dance festival in Santa Rosa on June 3.

CHURCH FARM UTILIZES MOST MODERN POWER EQUIPMENT

ONE OF THE MOST intriguing things on the great Church Farm on the Sacramento river north and west of Sacramento, about 15 miles was the great tractor-drawn, four-row planter. Four men or boys are required to feed the young plants into the machine which opens a trench, grasps the plant, sets in the trench, waters it and then firmly packed the soil about the plant. The separate planters, each of which is patented, were welded together at the machine shop on the farm where all repairs and overhauling of the farm equipment is done all through the year.—Campbell Photo.



AT LEAST A HALF DOZEN of these powerful and most modern new tractors were in the sheds or out on the land preparing it for planting on the huge Church-owned farm of 2300 acres in Yolo county. The policy, it seems, of Manager Albert Crandall is to exchange too old equipment for the most modern and most efficient. All repairs of these machines are taken care of on the property, a complete line of parts being on hand and complete blacksmithing and welding equipment being found in the farm shop. Seen in the picture left to right, are Isaac B. Ball, editor of the Messenger, and Albert Crandall, manager of the farm for the Church, who has had years of banking experience as well as farm management.—Campbell Photo.

Oakland Stake News

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were invited guests. Bro and Sister Don Wood responded to the invitation.

What a day of rejoicing when Thomas England, Harold Olsen, and Donald Weiland came home from Korea after one or two years of military service. They landed April 28 from the ship "General Wm. Weigland."

Elder Rufus and Sister Winifred Phelps who are in England on missions tell of the excellent success they are having in reactivating the Saints who have fallen away. As late as 1930 elders were driven out of Ipswitch and members were persecuted. In 1949 the missionaries returned and a branch has now been organized with 78 members.

The old castles and abbeys which have stood for hundreds and hundreds of years still amaze the Phillips.

The Marion G. Stephens family are all together again.. Mr. and Mrs. flew east to return with daughter Carmen, as she came from her mission in Canada and Nova Scotia. Also their son Keith was honorably released from the Illinois mission where he presided over a part of the mission as supervising elder. The four came back in Keiths new car after touring the east. We hear Uncle Sam wants Keith in military service.

Della Swensen president of Oakland Stake Relief Society is in Hyrum, Utah because of the illness of her mother.

Amelia Everett of the Stake Relief Society Board is slowly recovering from her illness which has kept her at home for a month. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Ethel Maurer of Hayward has been confined to her home ever since her serious accident near Elko, Nevada April 4. We are happy to know she is better and pray for a complete recovery soon.

Alameda Ward News

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assistant in charge of MIA activivties, has now been made superintendent, replacing Captain Robert Clark who found his army activities more and more demanding.

Alameda ward will be well represented in the stake M Men and Gleaners Council with Bob Figgit as stake M Men counselor, and Joyce Hughes as Gleaner counselor. Charles Lovelace, Alameda ward chairman, is on the Inter-stake Committet.

Pat Davis was elected to represent Alameda ward at the Junior Gleaner stake party recently.

The Kenneth Everetts have returned to Alameda ward from Ogden, with their two beautiful talented daughters, and a fine son. Welcome indeed.

Congratulations and best wishes to Bruce Morgan and his lovely bride, Leah Loveland, of Meriden, Idaho. While Bruce is at Fort Ord and until a more permanent residence can be established Leah is staying with her mother, Mrs. Oscar Fontano. More about Bruce and Leah on page five, "Wedding Bells."

We are happy to hear that Elizabeth Morris is greatly improved at the hospital in Salt Lake to which she was rushed while Alex was stationed in the navy here.

The Primary extends a welcome to two new Primary workers, Marilyn Huse and Lucile Holladay.

All are sorry to see the Rulon Knowles leave Alameda, but their business has always been in San Leandro. Now they have moved closer to the shop.

The ward Relief Society will hold its closing party and luncheon June 11. All members and friends are invited to attend.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

With the "Progressive Method" of teaching in our schools today, where our children have so much freedom of speech, and movement about the class room, it is difficult for them to understand why they cannot do the same in their S. S., Primary, MIA, and sacrament meetings.

Our children should therefore be taught at home the difference in the two things; that they go to day schools to learn the temporal things of life, and that our Church services are the places where we learn the spiritual side of this life and the life to come. Above all, the Church is the place in which to pay our deepest respect and love for our Father in heaven, and his son Jesus Christ.

The Lord's house is a house of order. Parents should therefore teach this principal by example. We older ones are sometimes more at fault than the younger ones. We should also teach this principal of reverence to our children at home.

Recent additions to the Alameda Ward include Lieut. (jg) and Mrs. Calvin Perkins, recently of Santa Rosa. Elder Perkins is a son of the Anson Perkins of Oakland.

● The granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edgren of Livermore was married in Hayward and little Joan Edgren was the flower girl. Mildred Medsker sang several beautiful songs.

● We are happy to announce the engagement of Yvonne Creager of Livermore, teacher of the nursery class in Sunday school.

Sunset Ward News

By Jeanne Barton

A lovely and inspirational program in commemoration of the Aaronic Priesthood was held the third Sunday of the month. Short talks were given by Ray Southwick, Richard Rowsell, Howard Patton, Donald Redford and Mary Shaw. Music was also provided by the Young People's Chorus and the Aaronic Priesthood Quartet, Raymond Stein, Bob Terry, Homer Hoard and J. Bonner Ritchie.

Primary graduation will be held the first Sunday evening in June. Those graduating are Sandra Pike, Sarah Kanzler, Katherine Mairs, April Aaron, Leona Collett, Judy Mayfield, Patricia Waldron, John (Buddy) Pile, William (Billy) Shaw and George (Billy) Aaron. Congratulations!

A ward welfare project a Fashion Show sponsored by the Relief Society will be held June 5 in the chapel.

The welfare sewing project is now completed. Fifty-nine women from the ward contributed 1050 hours and made 196 pairs of trousers. Thanks to all.

The reorganization of the Mutual, Primary and Sunday School has taken place again. Etta Marquardt is our new YLMIA president with LaVeryle Neilson and Mary Shaw as counselors. The YMMIA is Wells Wilkinson and T. R. Neilson as counselor. Bud Williams, past president, with his wife and young daughter have moved to Burlingame Ward. We appreciate the fine work he and Gail Terry did with the Mutual.

Pat Robinson has taken over the work of Sister Etta Marquardt as president of Primary.

Wesley Tolley is now the Superintendent of Sunday School replacing Wells Wilkinson who has been put in the YMMIA presidency. Jack Brockbank is the new first counselor.

All have noticed the new carpeting in the foyer of the chapel. Gail Lowe of Mission Ward did exceedingly well laying the carpeting. We also have new curtains on the stage in the recreation hall. This beautiful stage curtain was made by Belva Galovich with the help of Marguerite Roll and Elvinia Mairs.

An able man takes good care of our ward chapel and stake house, Brother Lester Farnsworth appreciation.

This week end of the 16th the scouts of the ward went on an outing to Big Basin with the other scouts of the Sunset area. Harry Robb, Fred Kanzler and Darald Smith went along to take in the fun. Joeph R. Johnson of the Bihopric was also with the boys.

Brother and Sister Peter Plekash's little girl, Claudia Ann was blessed by Elder Willard Barton at Fast Meeting.

Vickie Girve and Michael Matheson were confirmed members of the Church.

The M-Men and Gleaners of the ward had a lovely open house at the home of Georgia Lauper to become better acquainted with their new teachers, Brother and Sister Cowl.

Bishops Message:

"The worth of the souls is great in the sight of God." D&C 18:10. Nothing is more precious to God than is the soul of man. Therefore the soul is of great worth to us His children. Of all the marveleous creations of God, man is the greatest .He is a very son of God, endowed with God-like power! If he respects his divine orgin and high destiny he may bring to pass the long sought reign of righteousness on earth.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE

San Francisco Stake News

JEAN LAUPER, Reporter

San Francisco stake has lost two more fine officers. Albert and Hope Peterson have moved to San Jose to make their home. Hope has been activity counselor in the Stake MIA for several years and Albert has been on the High Council and more recently in the San Francisco ward bishopric. Saturday evening, May 17, the MIA stake boards entertained the Petersons at a farewell party. Held in the stake house, games were followed by delicious refreshments. President Veda Bramwell then presented the honor guests with a beautifully framed picture for their home.

Recently set apart as a stake High Counselman was Edward L. Howard. Brother Howard was the head of the stake mission for a number of years and prior to his new position was one of the seven presidents of Seventy. Joseph Q. Johnson has been called as a president of the 222 Quorum of Seventy, to fill the vacancy.

May 10 San Francisco Stake Relief Society was host stake to Santa Rosa and Palo Alto stakes for a Relief Society convention. A large number from each stake came to hear the inspiring words of Sisters Velma N. Simonson and Blanche Stoddard. At lunch time stake officers were guests of the San Francisco group at a delicious luncheon.

May 22 the stake officers of the Relief Society will entertain the entire membership at a party celebrating the completion of the welfare project.

Two festivals always enjoyed in the spring are the Music Festival, held April 25 which was a very successful and colorful evening of light music and the Dance Festival, held May 23. Carl and Louise Anderson, dance directors, always put on a beautiful show. This year the theme was Mexican; quite a number of large groups demonstrated the dances.

Stake Conference will be held on June 7 and 8. The visiting authority has not yet been announced, but as always we can depend upon the inspiration of any one of our leaders. During the morning session Sunday the Primary children of the stake will present the music. All those from 8 to 12 years are urged to join the chorus which will present two of the new songs learned this spring.

Several women of Sunset ward have made a "terrific" contribution to the ward and stake. A new stage curtain was badly needed and Belva Galovich, Marguerite Roehl and Alvina Mairs decided to make it and thereby save many hundreds of dollars. The curtain was hung recently; a very handsome addition to our stage. Of dark green, heavy velvet, it is topped by several festoons edged with deep matching fringe. These ambitious and industrious women deserve our greatful thanks for their excellent work.

Several members have been added to the MIA boards. Winifred Wilkinson has been appointed counselor to Veda Bramwell and on the men's board Charles Hill, Jr., will work with the M Men, and Calvin Jay Banks in the Special Interest department.

Alan Coogan, an M Man of Sunset ward and a corporal in the Army recently graduated from the Army Language School in Monterey where he made the highest grade ever given in the school to a student of the German language. Alan had been called to Swiss-Austrian Mission when the army stepped in and changed his plans. He is leaving May 28 for Europe where the Army has assigned him to Austria.

The Stake Sunday School board has sustained a loss with three members leaving in the near future. Richard Pugmire, second assistant superintendent and his wife, Ellen, secretary, are moving to Los Angeles, while Elizabeth Miratti with her family are going down the peninsula. The Sunday School board planned a surprise party honoring these three at the home of Bessie and Hermann Schettler, Sunday evening, May 25.

Is Sunday "just another day" in your family? Make it a very special day by dressing up in your best and bringing the whole family to church!

Mission Ward

By ETHEL TITUS and IDA BIGELOW.

Further changes have been made in plans for an addition to our chapel. Instead of the contemplated three rooms plans for six rooms have been approved. We expect the ground work to begin very soon.

Ted R. Burkman, Hartley Lundgreen and William Sessions of the YMMIA, and Helen Lowe, Vauna Lou Lundgreen and Leslie Petrie of the YWMIA, were released as ward officers Sunday, May 11. Sustained in their places were Charles G. Chester, Hartley Lundgreen and William Stolzenberg for the men's organization, and Phyllis Celentano, Leslie Petrie and Connie Fairbanks for the women's group.

On May 9 the stake held a Court of Honor for which Troop 107 of the Mission ward was host. The Cobra Patrol were seen in a first aid demonstration; the Snipe and Wolf Patrols put on skits, while Jerry Greenwood received First Class, Bob Dawson, David Dawson, Tony Broughton and Doug Chester received Second Class.

A beautiful Tenderfoot investiture ceremony for four First Class and Tenderfoot Scouts of Troop 91 presided over by Bro. Chas. Chester of the Stake Scouting Committee.

Louis Celentano, Scoutmaster of Troop 107 is doing an outstanding work with our young boys.

Ordained Elders during May were Charles Theodore Hilder, Kenneth Le Roy Klippel and William Albert Stolzenberg.

Testimony meeting was the time chosen by Evan Hunter to announce his engagement to Madelyn Smith of the Sunset ward, planned is a marriage on August 6, in the St. George Temple. Both are serving as stake missionaries.

John M. Goddard narrated his thrilling experiences as he showed his own colored film Friday night, May 16, in Mission ward. Mr. Goddard, a young Latter-day Saint, together with two Frenchmen, spent nine months in a gruelling 4,200 miles trip down the Nile, conquering areas where no white man had yet explored.

Mrs. Gustave E. Schier, instructor for Mission ward, successfully guided for 1951-52 another large class in ancestral history and genealogical research. Thousands of names have been gleaned from all parts of the United States and Europe and are now awaiting Index Bureau processing before having temple work done. Mrs. Schier, tho not a member of our Church, has given freely and untiringly of her time, ability and experience to further this work in Mission ward.

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"Yet All the While I'm Thinking of God"

A few years ago these frank lines appeared in a popular publication:

I think about God,
Yet I talk of small matters;
Now isn't it odd
How my idle tongue chatters—
Of quarrelsome neighbors,
Fair weather or rain;
Indifferent labors,
Indifferent pain;
Some trivial style
Fashion shifts with a nod—
And yet all the while
I am thinking of God.

On Mother's Day, we sat in the pulpit of a Christian Church listening to a sermon based on Isaiah 66:13, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you . . . in Jerusalem."

The learned and polished minister, while speaking of motherhood was apparently "all the while thinking of God," and finally he diverted oddly from the text long enough to warn the audience not to visualize in this analogy a God in actual form like a human being; that is, an anthropomorphic God. Then he added brief but vehement denunciation of such childish ideas regarding the Deity, calling such teachings "crude anthropomorphism;" notions long outgrown by progressive religious conceptions.

We immediately recalled having sat in that very same church a few years ago and hearing a very earnest young woman arise in an inter-church meeting and ask the speaker during the question period if one could look into heaven today would one see Jesus as an individual being as his desciples had seen and heard Him in Palestine and would the Father also be seen as an actual being. She was thinking about God.

But we have in mind the fatal consequences of the current "refined" teachings of an "immaterial" Supreme Being rather than to review now the clear teachings of common sense and of the Scriptures regarding the distinct personality of each of the three members of the Godhead, and their anthropomorphic nature, man being created in their express image.

And while one could well counter the sting implied in the phrase "crude anthropomorphism" by speaking of "the absurdity of immaterialism," and "an immaterial God as really a non-existent God," and of "immaterialism as the theological equivalent of atheism," yet we would prefer to point to some fatal and current tragic repercusions from the age-long errors of so-called Christian teachings regarding the personality and likeness of God to man—repercussions that now stare the frightened world in the face.

All ministers, as well as earnest thinkers in general, today feverishly point out that democracy itself is based on, and grew out of, spiritual concepts, namely, the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. Yet these same ministers turn round and empty these concepts, "the brotherhood of man" and "the fatherhood of God," of all sensible understandable meaning; and in doing this, they turn what should be solid concrete underpinning for democracy into rotting rubble that disintegrates into shifting sands wherever rains descend and the winds (of propaganda) blow and beat upon that house.

In what comprehensible, working sense is mankind all brothers, except it be in some commonsense understandable sense of the actual fatherhood of God? Take away a plain, easily understood teaching that God is the actual father of spirits in the same and identical sense that an earthly father is the father of his children, and one changes the virile cement that constitutes the true doctrine of the brotherhood of man into that which is only false-seeming cement but which lacks the hidden power for holding together in a vice-like grip the million aggregate particles that make up the bulk of humanity.

Is God our father only in the sense that any clever artisan is the "father" of the manikin he fashions? If so then man is the brother to other men only in that same cold sense of a pretty phrase and glossy pretending. Whatever binding power such "refined" so-called Christian concepts may have today or may have had in times past, it is now apparent that only the virile, realistic teachings of the restored anthropomorphic divine truths regarding the literal, spiritual fatherhood and motherhood of God and hence the literal, actual pre-existent spiritual sonship and brotherhood of man, can hold the social underpining caissons and foundations together against the awful atheistic winds of devilish doctrines that now howl through men's souls and minds and wills around the whole world. Only Truth can cement mankind in True Brotherhood. Only Truth can fill men's minds and souls with a fulness of love of Heavenly Father. "If men do not comprehend the character of God, they do not comprehend themselves," said the Prophet Joseph Smith (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, page 343).

"God Himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthrowned in yonder heavens. . . . If the veil were rent today and the great God who holds the world in its orbit, and who upholds all worlds and all things by his power, was to make himself visible,—I say, if you were to see Him today, you would see Him like a man in form—like yourselves in all the person, image and very form as a man; for Adam was created in the very fashion, image and likeness of God . . . and walked, talked and conversed with Him, as one man talks and communes with another." ("Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith," page 345).

"When the Savior shall appear we shall see Him as he is. We shall see that He is a man like ourselves. And the same sociability which exists among us here will exist among us there." (D. and C., 130:1 and 2).

"I was in the beginning with the Father and am the Firstborn . . . Ye were also in the beginning with the Father, that which is Spirit." (D. and C., 93:21 and 23). By plain inference we were the laterborn.

Too "refined" concepts of God and humanity lack the necessary spiritual vitamines and minerals which alone are supplied by those virile spiritual whole wheat doctrines of the deity and man which to some super-dainty diletantes in philosophy is "crude anthropomorphism."

True, it is, as the poet confessed, the dominant, though often hidden and even fled from, thought of mankind is God. The **most important thing about a man, a nation, a world is the idea of God and of God's relationship to man, which it lays to heart. From that stems directly or indirectly all human relationships, governments, national policies and deeds.**

"California Oak," By Nola de Jong Sullivan

"Upon coming to California to live, my first desire was to paint an oak tree," writes Nola Sullivan. "This tree seemed to possess all the qualities so impressive and stimulating in the oak. Strength, agelessness and the desire to reach out to all of life and sunshine."

Thus writes Nola de Jong Sullivan of Richmond of her oil painting reproduced above which she did in 1945. Nola's inherited artistic talent stems from her painter mother and her artist-musician father, Dean Gerrit de Jong, Jr., head of the College of Fine Arts at the Brigham Young University and member of the General Board of Deseret Sunday School Union, he being also author of the pamphlet, "The Gospel Plan," currently being studied by the Gospel Doctrine Departments of all Church Sunday Schools.

Nola came to the bay area with her husband, High Councilman Clyde E. Sullivan, when he came as an instructor in athletics for the Navy in 1945. By the way, this experience led to Clyde's enrollment in 1946 at the University of California which soon will draw him a Ph. D. degree in psychology.

Berkeley stake knows Nola as activity counselor in the YLMIA stake board. In answering a query as to her artistic output Nola confessed to having done more than a hundred paintings, mostly water colors, her favorite medium, and to having shown her work in several art exhibits.

Christ Solemnly Attests His Divinity

I am one that beareth witness of myself, and the Father that sent Me beareth witness of Me.—John 8:18.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.

For the Father hath life on himself; so hath He given to the Son to have life in himself;

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of Man.

Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth. John 5:25-29.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Thoughts of Mission President Expressed

Under date of May 13 comes a letter from Pres. Claude B. Nallder, former bishop of San Francisco ward, and currently president of the Central Atlantic States Mission, with headquarters at Roanoke, Virginia.

Dear Brother Ball and California Friends:

I have just returned from a recent tour of the Central Atlantic States Mission in company with Brother Alma Sonne, assistant to the Council of the Twelve and his wife, a 2500 mile tour by automobile for two weeks, speaking at some 30 meetings, before some 5,000 people. This truly is a wonderful mission. We have a membership of about 10,000 members, some 50 branches and a number of Sunday Schools and a missionary force of 160 missionaries.

At this time of the year, I do not believe I have ever beheld a more beautiful spot than the rolling hills of Virginia and the flat lands of North Carolina. They are all covered with a mat of the most beautiful green that you have ever seen. On all of these green rolling hills is found the blooming dogwood in its various shades and colors, as well as other wild flowers on every hand. They have an abundance of rain here and as a result the vegetation always looks very green, much more so than the vegetation along the Oregon Coast.

We find that we are being well received here. Last February we organized from among our missionaries a chorus of some 12 members. In five weeks they have sung before better than 50,000 people, made some 40 appearances upon the radio and about six appearances on television. They appear before various ladies' Clubs, high school groups and the like, women's colleges. This coming week they will sing at a banquet in honor of the Ambassador of Argentina. Also on Friday they will sing for another banquet where the governor of Pennsylvania will be present.

It would seem that here in the South the spirit of religion is still a vital part of people's thinking. Everywhere you will see new churches being built. Elder Sonne said it was quite a contrast to his experiences in Europe where in all his travels in the three and one-half years that he presided over the British-European Mission he never once found a new church being built, but on the other hand he found many churches which had been boarded up for lack of worshipers.

I was very pleased to receive the new issue of the "Messenger." It is quite an improvement. To those of us who are away, it gives us that touch of home and bond of friendship which we sometimes feel so much we need.

May our Heavenly Father continue to prosper you in this great enterprise.

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A Brother In Business Has a Word to Say

Dear Editor Messenger:

I am enclosing a check for $6.00 for advertising. I wish to have my ad discontinued. We haven't had one Latter-day Saint come out here to buy any of our . . . on account of the Messenger ad, so far. In fact only one brother has come to see how we are getting along for about three months.

It seems that one just can't depend upon the Church members to help one out in a business. (We are withholding the name of the correspondent).

Parents Urged to Help Congress Clean Up Radio, Television, Books, Magazines and Comics

Although the NBC and Mutual Broadasting Company assert their programs maintain "the highest standards of good taste and decency," Congress on May 12 ordered two investigations in those fields and into current literature by separate committees.

Reports with recommended legislation was directed to be made to the present session of Congress. Representative Gothing introduced both resolutions. No opposition developed.

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Hayward, Calif.
May 13, 1952

I was very well satisfied with the picture of my painting in the May issue of the Messenger.

I have received so many compliments from people who have seen it in the San Leandro chapel. Those who wish to see it can go there and see it because the San Leandro ward is so gracious and makes all so welcome.

My effort in the painting of "He is Risen" was simplicity, and to present the Savior with regal dignity.

I am sure he was aware of the soldiers presence, and of their terror, but was neither annoyed nor impressed. Perhaps a feeling of compassion as He realized that at this moment he has conquered death for all mankind.

The pictures I have seen on this theme, picture the Saviour as exhibiting his triumph. This always distresses me.

I am indeed grateful for your friendly interest in my humble efforts.

Many blessings to you and yours,

Bro. Archie Inger

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Fred B. Miskin, formerly of Oakland ward, writes from 4715 S. E. 65th Ave., Portland, saying he has accepted a position as an orderly at the Multnomah County Farm and Hospital near Portland. Fred attended the April Conference in Salt Lake City and also enjoyed renewing old memories with a host of relatives in Idaho Falls and Unco, Idaho, before visiting Portland. He sends regards to old friends and a subscription to the Messenger which will keep him in touch with the bay area doings church-wise.

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"Scottish" Hiltons Send Greetings

Dear Brother Ball:

Your kind note of October 18 remains unanswered—nearly six months . . . our missionary work has prospered and we have rejoiced in the fruitage of our labors. We hold a baptisimal service each Fast Sunday, since our font has been ready. Just now we are looking for one of the General Authorities to dedicate our massive building. President McKay once labored here and we are hoping he will come. . . .

As you will note I am now an honorary member of the International Mark Twain Society. Altho I am surprised, I am also pleased. I can hardly feature my name as being listed among the really great 76 names that appear on the letterhead. . . .

Will you kindly extend thru the Messenger our kindest greetings and love to the many that are kind enough to write and enquire. Already it is 14 months since we left. We do appreciate being kept informed through your excellent work in the Messenger.—(signed)

The "Scottish" Hiltons.

LDS DANCING AND OTHER CLUBS

Dennis L. Lauper in his column on this page in the May Messenger raised the debatable question regarding the advisability of Church members organizing themselves into recreational and improvement clubs or groups. We hope the members will take the opportunity of expressing themselves frankly on this and other open questions. Only thus can the pros and cons finally establish sufficient thought-soil in which justifiable individual opinions may sprout.

Brother Lauper certainly has a good point in that the stake and ward dances are not sufficiently attended. Something evidently needs to be done about it. The question is what is that "something?"

While the existence of dancing clubs or groups of LDS and their well attended dances seems to have some bearing on the lack of attendance at Church-sponsored dances, it is still an open question whether the abandonment of the organized groups would solve the other attendance problem. It might not. There might be other factors that still would keep down the popularity of the open affairs.

Are groups of LDS who organize themselves into various clubs open to the charge of snobbishness? How about the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers? Or the literary clubs of one kind or another among our people? Or the singing groups that are not under the direction of the Church, though closely affiliated? And the sewing clubs among us? Then there are the many social groups that exist in our stakes and that meet at one another's homes from time to time?

It is an open question whether the members of dancing groups do not find their love for the dance enhanced and hence their attendance at MIA sponsored affairs actually increased.

This whole question is worthy of serious consideration. Good will probably come of further discussion. You are invited to express yourself freely in the Messenger. One's name need not be printed if that is the request with any letter to the editor.

EDITORIAL PAGE

By Jiminy

"And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. Samuel-15-22.

Oh hum. What is so rare as a day in June! That's easy. A good Mormon with time to waste.

I once had a little chichadee,
I thought her cute, sweet and airy.
But now when she plops upon my knee.
I know she is a two-ton fairy.

Ever hear of Middle-Age Spread. It doesn't compete with Miracle Whip.

Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God,
For in that silence we will find
That God is near, and to us proves
He dwells within your soul and mine.
Be still and know that I am God;
It's then we feel His power divine.
He fills our hearts with wondrous love,
And joy and peace in Him we find.
Be still and know that I am God,
When trouble round thee rolls.
The voice of God within affords
Sweet music to our souls.
Be still and know that I am God,
And follow where He leads.
We'll wind that His inspiring love
Will help us through all needs.
—(author unknown to me)

Let us look and sniff at a rose. Men say "There is no God. Life came about by chance, a mere accident. There was no intelligence that organized the earth and all that in it is. The sun shone upon the mud, breezes blew, and the rains fell, and a curious thing occurred. Somehow, we can only guess how, the elements of water and mud and sunshine formed a combine, the earth heaved and and conceived and spewed forth a tiny one cell animal that acted more like plant animal and from this muddy, insignificant ancestor all the plants and animals have evolved."

Yet man experiments with the rose and he takes outstanding speciment of one color and combines them with specimens of another color and creates a new rose; he is proud and he gives this new rose a name; patents the new flower and forbids anyone to propagate it except they buy permission from him. Oh, how wise that man is! Oh, how much intelligence and skill he has used to create this new rose. Oh, what cunning instruments he devised to make possible this act of creation. No wonder he is proud. No wonder he wants all men to pay tribute to his genius.

But let us look and sniff at a rose again. Not just this new rose, any rose. The rose that grows wild along the mountain side. The rose that grows along the fence where someone started a cutting under a bottle. How much ground had been covered before our genius began his experiments. How much change had occurred between that little one-celled progenitor and this glorious creation that pleases the eye, tickles the nostrils yet pricks the unwary hand.

The atheist says there is no God. The naturalist says evolution is a natural thing and needs no guiding hand; these steps in improvement from the one celled organism came about of themselves. Some say God is a being without parts, or passions or body. A being so big He fills the universe yet so small he dwells in the hearts of men. What? God without body? Then he has no mind. He has no heart. He has no hands. What? God without passions? He neither loves nor hates? He can not enjoy the sweet scent of the rose which he created?

Ah, my friend, let us look again at the rose, and draw in its sweet fragrance. Let us look and smell, and remember that a rose is just as sweet by any other name, and a blind man is just as blind when called by any other name.

Then there is that old saw about the fine but toothless old Sowtooth, Idaho carpenter who was asked why he didn't file and sharpen his old fine-toothed saw. "Well,' he rasped, "It's like this. My eyes are not so good anymore, and when I file a saw it is hard on both my see and my saw.' '

Come on you ex-Wyomingites, we haven't heard from any of you. How about some stories and letters from you. You wouldn't want to let your end of the lariat drag in the dirt would you?

News and Views On the Book of Mormon

By THOMAS STUART FERGUSON, Attorney.

The 17th annual meeting of the Society for American Archeology convened at the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, May 1-4. Columbus is a city about the size of Oakland, with a population of 400,000 people. Ohio State University has almost as many students in attendance as the University of California. I was in attendance at all but the first session.

Papers and speeches were given by men who have worked and excavated all over North America, from Alaska and Canada to southern Mexico. Important discussions were held concerning the newly discovered radio-carbon method of dating ancient remains by experts from the universities of Chicago, Pennsylvania, Michigan and from Yale and Columbia universities. And as the Messenger previously indicated, I discussed with the archaeologists the subject, "Joseph Smith, Mormon Prophet, and American Archaeology."

My paper seemed to be favorably received. I gave the scholars many of the highlights from the recent book jointly authored by Dr. Milton R. Hunter and me, "Ancient America and The Book of Mormon." It was stated that Joseph Smith handed The Book of Mormon to the world in 1830 when the Prophet was but 24 years of age and when archaeology was not even in existence. No scholastic help was available to test the claims of The Book of Mormon or to assist anyone in trying to write such a book. The Book of Mormon is either a complete fraud or it is divine—one or the other; there is no middle scholastic ground.

It was pointed out to the archaeologists that their own recent work in Mexico and Central America has done much to strengthen the position of Joseph Smith and The Book of Mormon. Jaredite occupation of central Mexico is now rather well established by the discovery by archaeologists of a very high civilization there dating back to 1600 B. C.—right within the Jaredite period. Earliest and reliable histories of Mexico also relate the same essential details of the migration of the people from the Tower of Babel and tell of their landing on the east coast of Mexico near Tampico about 3,000 B.C., just as described in the Mormon record.

Moreover, the essential outline of Nephite story is also sustained by the recent archaeological discoveries in Guatemala and southern Mexico. The earliest histories of the area also tell of the migration from Bible lands to Guatemala of people of the house of Israel—descendants of Abraham and Jacob—just as the Book of Mormon does.

Dr. Robert Wauchope, director of the Institute of Middle American Research, Tulane University, presented a large time-chart of archaeological discoveries in what I call Book-of-Mormon lands—that is, Mexico and Guatemala. The close agreement between his chart and The Book of Mormon was called to Dr. Wauchope's attention. He seems to take somewhat seriously the challenge we have laid down.

After the session at which my talk was presented a young professional archaeologist introduced himself, stating that he is a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That church, of course, uses the same Book of Mormon that we do.

Some of their members, notably Paul Hansen, president of their Council of Twelve Apostles, devotes considerable time and enthusiasm to The Book of Mormon.

The young archaeologist went on to commend me for such a bold speech, stating it made him very happy to hear it. He explained that he could not speak so frankly as yet because it might jeopardize his efforts to become established in the profession. I have no such fears, being an attorney by profession and an archaeologist only by avocation. The "Josephite" member said he found no fault with my comments to the convention.

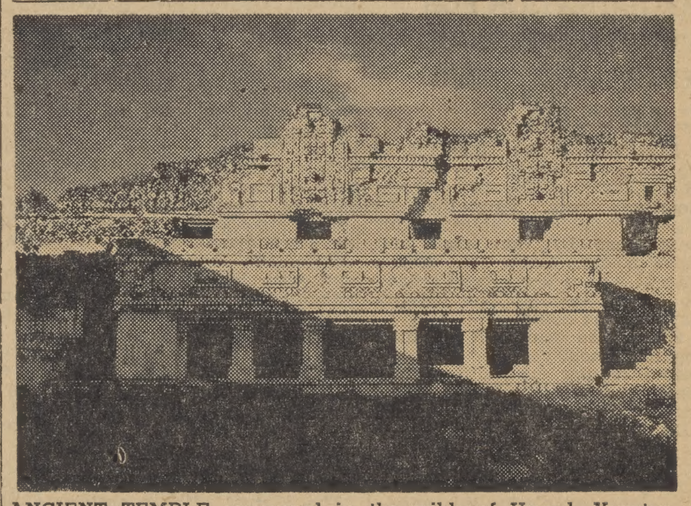
What's Top Cause For Auto Crashes

Fatigue and drowsiness are now declared the twin aces of auto crashes in the United States, by L. S. Harris, executive director of the American Association of Motor Vehicles. Long, monotonous drives are thus indited.

"Just as it is important to know that your car is mechanically perfect it is imperative that the motorist while driving make sure of his own condition," says Mr. Harris, "particularly with reference to fatigue and drowsiness. When these conditions appear, a halt is indicated." Harris advocated frequent rest stops, like the break taken during working hours in business and industry. This applies particularly, he adds, to long trips.

"Uninterrupted driving, like prolonged work at any sort, builds drowsiness and fatigue to a point that can be fatal. The tired driver is less vigilant, loses ability to judge speed and distances, reacts more slowly to emergencies."

Safety experts apply this national warning to Californians who drive to Utah across the long and monotonous deserts of Nevada.



ANCIENT TEMPLE uncovered in the wilds of Uxmal, Yucatan, Mexico. This Mayan center of a cultured race presents even today massive evidence of artistic execution of designs of purity and reserve. Truly, as Elder Thomas S. Ferguson told the convention of archaeologists at Columbus, Ohio, in May, the archaeologists themselves discovered evidences in support of the story told in the Book of Mormon of great ancient peoples in Central America.

How Old Is the Earth? Who Brought Sparrows to America?

THE OLDEST ROCKS on earth average about 2,200,000,000 years. This figure is double checked by measurements based upon the break-down of uranium and thorium and the newer time piece of technology, the break-down of strontium into rubidium. So reported Dr. L. H. Alirens of MIT, before the American Geographical Union. Oldest of old rocks were found in Manitoba, Karelia, Russia, Rhodesia and Sweden, all over 2,000,000,000 years.

ABOUT SPARROWS. Eight pairs were brought to America in 1850 by a Brooklyn worthy named Nicholas Pike, says Les Goates in the Deseret News of May 13. Pike anticipated that they would feed on the pestiferous cankerworms that were killing trees. Other importations were made along the Atlantic seaboard in the 1950's. Since then the jolly sparrow has taken over the entire continent of North America. Although the cankerworms vanished, plagues of hairy caterpillars increased because the sparrow had chased out other birds that like a fuzzy diet.

Society

● Patriarch and Sister Stephen H. Winter were at the Hunting Hotel in Pasadena during Farm Electrification Division Convention of which Brother Winter was chairman. Later they visited in North Hollywood with Sister Winter's sister, Mrs. Don Schortz, and from there went to Palm Springs and Indio.

● The Relief Society Stake Board will entertain on Wednesday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock in the Stake House for all women of the Stake. The occasion is to celegrate the completion of the pants project at the Welfare Center where seven hundred and eighty-three pairs or trousers were completed since February. One of the features of the afternoon will be the table display precious hand carvings of pioneer figurines, oxteams, and covered wagons with fresh sagebrush as a centerpiece.

On Saturday May tenth the San Francisco Stake hosted Palo Alto and Santa Rosa Stakes at the Relief Society Convention for this year at the San Francisco Stake House .Sisters Velma N. Simonson and Blanch Stoddard were in attendance as representatives of the General Board. Stake Board members met in the morning and then a general session was held in the afternoon.

● On a vacation from her home in Tacoma, Washington the charming Mrs. Martin E. Glew, mother of Kenneth M. Glew well known in this stake, is in San Francisco for two weeks.

● Of great importance is the announcement that the Primary children of San Francisco Stake will furnish the music at the morning session of the Stake Quarterly Conference on June eighth in the San Francisco Stake House. Sister Marie Davis Russell of the Primary Stake Board will conduct the singing of the group. Much appreciation is expressed to the ward choristers in preparing the children for this appearance. We hope the invitation will again be extended to the Primary to participate since it affords the opportuntiy to more fully appreciate this great foundation work.

● The Sunset Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will hold their May meeting at the home of Captain June Noyes.

● Veda Bramwell, President of the Young Womens' Mutual Improvement Association of San Francisco Stake, will leave May twenty-ninth for Salt Lake City. The rest of her vacation she will spend visiting at the home of La Verne Malin Edwards at Terreton, Idaho near Idaho Falls.

● The combined Stake boards of the Mutual Improvement Association entertained Saturday evening for the Albert C. Petersons who live in San Jose. The party was held in the Relief Society room of the Stake House. Brother Peterson was formerly High Council representative and Sister Peterson was Activity Counselor in the Stake MIA work.

● The Fannie McClean Coombs Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held their monthly meeting at the lovely home of Mrs. Ell Gardner. Genevieve Takis was assisting hostess.

● Ruth Smith and Jean Kenmore were hostesses at a stork shower honoring Gloria Fredell at Ruth's home. Open-faced sandwiches and hors d'oeurves were served with punch.

● The Seymour Steeds drove to Mesa recently to do Temple work. Upon their return, Sister Steed was taken to the hospital for an appendectomy just in time.

● Sister Alice B. Greene has drawn tentative plans for a trip to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lovinia G. Harmsen, in Maui, Hawaiian Islands. She plans to fly over to the Islands around June 1 and return July 14 by boat with Mrs. Harmsen who has been teaching school there.

● The M Men and Gleaners enjoyed an evening of swimming at Treasure Island Pool after which ice cream and cookies were served at the home of Elizabeth Smith, Carla Whittaker ,and Jean Lowe.

● Mrs. Lorenzo Hoopes of Dimond ward left the latter part of May by plane to join her husband in New York, where he has been attending a class at Harvard University for the past three months, representing the Safeway Company for whom he works. The Hoopes will return in a new automobile.

● Mr. and Mrs. Manton Moody of Maxwell Park ward and their daughters, Joan and Linda, are making a vacation trip to Hawaii in June. Plans have been made to travel one way by ship and the other by plane.

● A group of young marrieds of Dimond district sponsored an outing on Memorial Day at the Hearst Ranch.

● Plans are underway for an extended Alaskan trip for the Dr. Milton Reams of Hayward: he of the Oakland stake High Council and she president of Hayward's YWMIA.

● Visiting at the home of the Dr. Sidney Pridays recently were Dr. Priday's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Noble of Logan, Utah. The Nobles are officiators in the Logan Temple.

● Sister Rhea Gustaveson, Alameda Ward YWMIA president, was invited to represent Alameda at a Youth Conference held at Asilomar recently and to conduct a panel reporting the Conference at Stephens Center, Saturday, May 18.

● Representing the young women of Alameda ward at June Conference in Salt Lake City will be Rhea Gustaveson, Margaret Leibhart and Alice Everett. Daughter Ruth will accompany her mother and plans to do some baptismal work in the temple.

● Recent visitors at the home of the Charles Gustavesons of Alameda were Mr. and Mrs. A. Coy Sanders, newlyweds of Long Beach. Mrs. Sanders, a sister of Mrs. Alma Sonne, and active in stake MIA work, is also a prominent Long Beach realtor, vice-president of Long Beach Board of Realtors and an officer in Realtitle Toastmasters' Club. She is one of the organizers and the first state chairman of California Parents' Association for Child Care. Mr. Sanders, known throughout the state for his activities in Boys' Club organizations, is an executive of the Long Beach YMCA, and was the director of guidance and counseling for Long Beach Juvenile Bureau. He is active in various civic organization as a speaker and writer in fields of community projects, concerned with youth work and child welfare.

● The Debonairs of Bay Area, a dancing club, has chosen officers for next year, Rulon Doxey, president; Fleming Pope, vice-president, Verna Jackson, secretary; and Merial McOmber, treasurer. Two new sponsoring couples, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lauper and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood F. Meredith, are replacing Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Priday and Mr. and Mrs. M. Moody. The last social event of this season is the dinner-dance at Mt. Diablo Country Club to be held June 6. Sponsoring couples for the affair are Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Winkel and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gifford Jackson.

● The Dimond Literary Club met last month at the home of Mrs. Herbert Van Noy. Margaret Woodall of Alameda read a play. Mrs. Clarence Williams was co-hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Lessor of Hayward.

● Mr. and Mrs. Russel Johnson of Vallejo announce the approaching marriage of their son, Delbert, of the U. S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, to Wanda Worth of Vallejo.

● Visitors in the Rodeo Branch were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Beazer, and his brother, Sherman and Mrs. George Kunz and Shirley Oswald, all from Idaho; Jerry Cotterrell, Clyde Perry and Foss Sessens, all friends of Elder Beazer, a northern California missionary, laboring in Rodeo. Former Branch President Jack Binkert attended a stake and branch conference. Elder J. Lynn McBride, who served part of his fulltime mission in Rodeo, was here on his way back to his home in Blackfoot, Idaho. With him were his grandmother and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball.

● Spencer Clark celebrated his sixth birthday with an Indian pow wow. LDS children attending this cleverly planned party were Richard Fitt and Cathy Hayden. Spencer is the son of Margaret and Chester Clark.

● Brother and Sister Facer have just returned from a vacation into Utah and Idaho. They'll be moving to Martinez soon.

● The Deseret News carried a picture of Fae Wiser, bride of Elder Grant B. Wiser, who served a two-year mission in Northern California. They were married May 9 in the Salt Lake Temple.

● Mrs. Mae Tippets and her son, Trevor have been visitors at the Earl Green home in Niles. Mr. Tippets has been recovering from illness after returning from Korea, and now returns to his home in Cowley, Wyoming.

● Mrs. Wayne McKinley of Portland has been visiting with the Francis Winkles in Niles.

● The mother of Mrs. James Robertson of Newark; Mrs. Marinus Johnson, has now returned to her home in Salt Lake City after spending several weeks with her daughter.

● Marie Lindsay attended April Conference in Salt Lake City and remained for a month's visit. She completed trips through Ogden Canyon to Eden, and Huntsville; down to Springville to the Art Exhibit; to the Welfare Center, and made several visits to the temple ,and attended the Easter Choral Service in the Tabernacle.

● Dr. Jas. Robertson of Newark recently returned from a four weeks trip through the Eastern States to scientific lavoratories in Charleston, Washington, New York, and Niagra Falls. A research chemist for Westnaco Chemical Division, he was sent by his company to attend scientific meetings in Pittsburg and Chicago. He also attended church at Washington Ward, and at Manhattan Ward.

● Roy and Hannah Richards have gone to Utah for another summer. Roy's business selling boiler cleansing solutions calls him into the mountain states as well as in California. The Richards have a home in Salt Lake City as well as here.

● I. B. Ball and Rachel were guests of the Thomas S. and Esther Fergusons in Orinda, May 12 in company with Tom's mother, Mrs. Pearl Ferguson and his sister, Mrs. Betty Hart. A ten ton pile of saw dust, and the new long distance swinging sprinkling system that Tom has himself installed were features in the all-over remarkable landscaping that is coming in to being there. Esther showed the stored folding chairs which are used for the Orinda Sunday School that now holds forth in the Ferguson home regularly. Interesting was the story of one LDS lady out there that confessed that the coming of the LDS organization in Orinda had been the means of presenting her from joining another Church. Now she is an active and happy worker with the group.

● Stanley Patton ,home for a week in the Alta Bates, is progressing nicely at home . . .Etta Sparks was taken to the hospital in early part of May . . . The Herbert Goldens are both confined home with their respective ailing hearts. Tho neither is well, both are as cheerful as can be. . .

● Bob Sant ,leader of the Mormon Male Chorus, has been called for jury service in a murder trial out Martinez way. Bob lives in Concord. Bob and the male chorus will be heard twice in Berkeley soon: Thursday May 22 they appeared at the concert by the Seventy Quorum, and on June 7 they will be the feature on the musical program given by the stake genealogical committee to arouse interest in temple work this summer by our members.

● Cliff and Grace Boyak will again be headed for Cazadero Camp operated for Berkeley by Cliff for these many years.

● Sarah Banning entertained May for a few friends . . . Reese and Mary Burton, (she the Berkeley First and the stake organist) are having fun waching the erection of their new home.

● Reed Chase was sent by his company, the Shell Oil, to attend conventions in St. Louis and Houston in connection with the purchase and storage phase of the work. He went by way of Seattle on some of his own business.

● Reed Chaes's mother, Mrs. Clara Chase, in May attended the wedding of her grandson at the Salt Lake Temple, and then went to the reception in Long Beach where Reed's brother lives.

● Scott Dunham, junior, living in Salt Lake City, was called in the dead of night recently to go out and assist in relief work connected with the floods that have swept the southern part of Salt Lake for weeks past Scott Dunham, Sr., was in the northern part of California in May on business.

● Frederick (Blackie) Huish presided at the first High Priests social held after church in the chapel lounge May 12. The refreshments finally arrived, tho J. Ed Johnson who was to bring them never appeared with them as he was supposed to do. Cause had some connection with an auto accident that J. Ed spied while on his way to the meeting. Lawyers are like that we hear.

● Marva Hahoney of Berkeley has returned from a few weeks with her folks in Salt Lake. Lynn took care of the boys while Marva was away. Lynn is the counselor to Ed Pyle in the Berkeley First S. S.

● Russell Ball of Berkeley First made a flying visit from Oak Ridge to his AEC boss in Chicago May 18. He and Hazel and family of three are expected in Berkeley about June 10. Russell's home in Berkeley is in course of being sold by the LeRoi Gardner realty office, we hear. While in Berkeley Russ will visit his parents, I. B. Ball and Rachel Ball on Spruce Street. On his way to Berkeley Russ visited Idaho Falls where he will be located in 1953 for AEC.

● Wayne E. Mayhew Jr., is home from service, and already at work in the San Francisco office of his father in the accounting work. Joan reports they are looking for an apartment in Berkeley. Their baby is getting some teeth, she says, but is doing well.

Ada M. Lindblad, wife of Victor, he, Scout executive in Berkeley, is still in Logan helping care for her ailing father, Patriarch Mitton, the gifted organist and composer.

● The Albert Dietlikers have gone for two weeks visit in their old home in Salt Lake City where after settling some estate matters, they will spend much time in the Salt Lake Temple.

● Phebe S. McLaughlin of Berkeley First left in May for another summer in her old home in Logan, Utah where she will meet Walt.

● A lovely luncheon under the direction of Rhoda Orcutt, Naomi Cheney and Lois Kenworthy and an entertaining program under the direction of Mary Crockett, were enjoyed by the Relief Society ladies of Santa Rosa at a recent Work and Business meeting. This was a special affair honoring Mildred Dragerman, recently released as second counselor in the Relief Society presidency.

● Mrs. Edna Blood, house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Orcutt of Santa Rosa has received news from San Francisco to be on the alert for sailing to Japan where her husband is stationed in the Navy.

● An article, "A Divine Master of All Things," written by Richard L. Evans, prompted Alan Cheney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cheney of Santa Rosa (who is now stationed in Japan), to cast the prose composition in poetic form. Learning of this reaction to his article, Richard L. Evans wrote to the Cheneys asking permission to write to their son. We hope soon to learn regarding this letter.

● The Los Angeles area has been beckoning to some of our people in the Santa Rosa area. Most recent ones to succumb were Ralph and Olive Shirer. Ralph has been president of Santa Rosa Stake Mission. This active and friendly couple will be sorely missed.

● Santa Rosa youth spent a carefree fun day at the ocean recently. Good food, hunting unusual rocks, splashing in the ocean, and just plain loafing in the sand proved a highly seasoned menu for all who partook of it.

Our Ward is losing two fine families this month. The D. C. Wells family to Redwood City and a new home, and Albert Petersons to San Jose and a new business position. Brother Wells was active as a Stake Missionary and a Seventy, and Brother Peterson has been second counselor in the Bishopric. A position to be filled by Brother Stanley Benson, son-in-law of President and Sister Gardner of the Northern California Mission.

The Leon Swensons are leaving Santa Rosa ward; his position as ward clerk is being filled by James Hall.

Sister Ellen Merrill, a nurse on the President Cleveland, had to leave just about a week before her grandson was born to the Sorensons .

Bud and Thora Williams have now moved into their new home at Winston Manor, S.F. They recently made a trip to Salt Lake with Bud's parents, the Williams of Balboa ward, and were married for eternity in the Salt Lake Temple and had Linda sealed to them.

The Southwicks are in their new home out on Wawona.

The Bartons went south and east during the month of April, he to Los Angeles on business and she and Anita Louise to Salt Lake City to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Patton.

Those who attended General Conference in April from Sunset ward were President and Sister J. Byron Barton, Bishop Ritchie and family, Jeanne Barton, Bud and Thora Williams, the Serge Laupers, Georgia Lauper, Lu Stone, Al Merrill, Sylvia Cameron, Madelyn Smith and the T. R. Niclsens.

President J. Byron Barton has recently returned from an FHA convention in Salt Lake City.

Joe Barton ,who graduated from the University at Berkeley in January and is now attending the "Y", will be home in a couple of weeks, via Manti, St. George, and Santa Barbara. They stopped along the way to go through the temples.

SHOWERS

● Our Berkeley brides are being caught in a series of May showers. Miss Dawna Ericksen was honored on May 9th at a bridal shower given by Sister Wanda Harmon and her daughters, and again on May 15th at a shower given by Mrs. Delbert H. Rock, Jr., Mrs. Scott Bybee, Miss Charmaine Guthrie and Miss Luanne Ross.

● Miss Eunice Harmon is likewise being entertained at showers hostessed by Mrs. Douglas Haynes and Mrs. Clifton D. Boyack. Both brides are busy making plans to go to Utah to be married in June.

● Helen Mann of Maxwell Park Ward was the hostess at a baby shower May 1, given in honor of Elaine Krage. The party was held in the home of John and Bessie Krage.

● A baby shower was also given for Billie Eshom May 8. Billie's sister, Lola Hansen, was the hostess for the gathering in Maxwell Park.

● A shower was given by the Gleaners May 7 in honor of Maxine Coombs and her newly arrived son. Bro. Coombs has been sustained to the office of speech director in the Mutual.

● The officers and tachers of the Primary gave Ivy Hartman a shower on May 26, and gave her a car basinette so that she might bring "junior" to Primary with her next fall while she plays the piano and takes minutes of the meetings.

● On the 14th of May the Gleaner Girls gave Sister Jean Sessions a baby shower. Brother and Sister Sessions have just recently moved into the ward and are active.

● A baby shower in honor of Pat Puckett of Concord at the home of Sr. Doreen Barney was given by Doreen Barney and Mildred Abbott.

● A delightful stork shower was held May 14 at the home of Lorna Beach, 704 Cary Drive, San Leandro, honoring Lovina Bednar. There were present 20 some girls who had worked with Lovina in the Primary organization and many beautiful gifts were received.

A little child hearing arguments as to the superiority of Democrats and Republicians, whispered, "Mother I'm an American."

● J. Ruben Clark, Jr., of the First Presidency, will receive the degree of honorary doctor of laws at the 37th Commencement exercises of the BYU June 2.

This and That

By Mildred Fontano

● I was explaining to my grandchildren, Karen and Denny, that the cigarette, wine and beer advertising on the fascinating television programs were not for us because the Lord had warned us of wicked and designing men that would do anything for money in the last days. Next a famous entertainer was flashed on the screen. Denny asked in a whisper; "Grandma, is he one of those wicked?" men?"

● Our past Relief Society president in Alameda, Ruth Beebe, does beautiful seamstress work, and her little daughter appreciated the lace, ribbons and materials she saw around lovingly touching them. One day Ruth brought home a nice piece of silk and gave it to her daughter saying, "We will make you a new dress." That night the little girl thanked God in her prayers "for the terial for me a pretty dress."

● Sister Linford insisted her small son would have to spend the remainder of the day in the house if he was ungentlemanly and continued to hit his little girl friend when she hit him. He said, "Well, I'll hit her late in the afternoon."

● In the Perkins family an appropriate story was being concocted and read from a book to show the naughty boy how he should act. The boy listened a few minutes then walked away saying, "And who is dumb?"

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

MISSIONARY: "Good morning I hope you enjoyed the pamphlets we left last week."

FATHER; "Well, I read your literature and I don't like the subterfuge and deceit in your work."

MISSIONARY: (perplexed) "Why, what could be wrong?"

FATHER: "You are here to get my daughter, and I won't stand for it. She is already engaged."

MISSIONARY: "Oh you are misinformed."

FATHER: "No! Here is your Articles of Faith you tell your purpose."

MISSIONARY: (More perplexed) "I do not understand."

FATHER: (Reading from "Articles of Faith: If there is anything lovely or of good report or praise worthy, we seek after these things."

OBITUARY

● Many friends and loved ones will miss Mrs. Roxa Almira Merrill of Santa Rosa, who passed away recently. Always, a sweet person, she will be greatly missed.

● Carolyn Larsen, age 73, Dimond Ward, died early in May. Peter Alma Peterson of Dimond was buried May 22.

● We are sorry to report the recent death of Bro Frank Mitchell, in St. Francis Hospital, while there for treatment. His remains were shipped to Utah for burial .He was the brother of Charles Mitchell and Ruth Guajardo, of Pittsburg ward.

● Saturday May 10 Grandma Maria Easton a beloved Grandma to all Martinez and Concord Wards for 13 years passed away. The funeral services were held on Tuesday May 13. Bishop Ray Evensen took charge, Grant Shaw opened the meeting the four speakers were Brothers John Abbott, Kenneth Skidmore, a nephew Peter Easton and Brother Willard Knowles. Beautiful music was rendered by Sister Carla Poulton and her Mother, they sang In the Garden, Oh My Father, and one other number. Closing Prayer by Bishop Ray Evensen.

● Our deepest sympathies to Sharon of Berkeley Second Ward, who lost her father Eugene Andrews.

● Berkeley stake president of the YMMIA Kirk Decker and Mrs. Decker left for Logan, Utah, where May 19 they took the body of Camille Hansen, Mrs. Decker's sister for interent in the family plot in Logan. Camille, a member of Berkeley 2nd Ward, lived in Richmond where she was engaged as a retail clerk. Funeral services were held Monday May 19 at the Ellis-Olsen Mortuary in Albany.

Power of the Vital

(A Message of a preacher that can be well applied to Joseph Smith.)

Speaking of the power of the small but vital as against the large and showy, Harry Emerson Fosdick, said to be the greatest Protestant preacher in America today, declared that nothing is so mighty as vital ideas. In one of three addresses February, 1952, in Berkeley, before the annual Pastoral Conference and the Earl Lectureship Foundation, Doctor Fosdick said that **all saving ideas are born small like mustard seed. "Vitality is mightier than size," he emphasized.**

The listener could not help but think how all these thoughts applied not only to the Christ's vital truths but to the Christ's latterday prophet, Joseph Smith. Consider such vital teachings: As God is man may become; a man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge; there is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven upon which all blessings are predicated, and when we gain any blessing it is by obedience to the law upon which the blessing is predicated.

"The show under the big tent is not the whole show," declared Doctor Fosdick. "Nothing is so powerful as an idea whose time has come." He spoke of "the inconspicuous emergence of prophetic facts," and concluded this line of thought, **"All new prophetic facts are born in a manger and known only to a few shepherds and three Wisemen. The Wisemen did not believe in great pomp and power. They passed by Herod, but brought their gifts and worship to a manger. They believed in an inconspicuous but vital fact."**

"He was wrong so long, and then turned out to be right," one commentator said of the life of the great scientist Newton. One of his contemporary critics declared of Newton, "He has a deranged poetic mentality. He will not have twenty followers in his life time." And that was true. But see what began to happen to popular sentiment when "he turned out to be right."

. . . WEDDING BELLS . . .

Mr and Mrs. Earl Daybell of Dimond Ward announced the marriage of their only daughter Arlene to Bayard Barnes of Oakland, June 6 at the Daybell home. Reception will be at the Rock Ridge Womens club.

● Mr. and Mrs. Arden Allan announce the marriage of their only daughter daughter Margaret to Glen Keith Shaw, son of President and Lucile Shaw of Oakland Stake on June 17 in the Logan temple, and a reception June 27. Joe Allen will be home from BYU in time for the wedding. Margaret is a niece of our beloved former stake stake president Eugene Hilton.

● Allene Hunt and Dick Mason were married in the Arizona temple on May 19. Dick is of the Alameda Ward, and Allene is a decendant of Captain Hunt of Mormon Batallion fame, and the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Jarman R Hunt of Dimond ward. A bridal showed was given for Allene by her aunt Mrs. Claire Hunt of Alameda.

● Jack Nelson son of John and Fern Nelson of Maxwell Park ward was married to Shirley Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs John A. Parker on May 18 at the Nelson home. Jack is in US Military service.

● The Knute Torgersons of Dimond always do things in a big way. Their whole family will be married July 1 in the Mesa Ariz temple. Vernell is bethrothed to Blaine LeCheminant, a returned missionary of Los Angeles, and Ted Torgerson is to marry Jenniene Clark, daughter of Lamon and Mae Clark who have charge of our stake Welfare Center. The reception of this double wedding will be in the Dimond ward recreation hall on July 5.

● Because of a rush order from Uncle Sam, Bruce Morgan, recently returned missionary, and Leah Loveland moved their wedding date up a month, and were married in the Idaho Falls temple on May 14 The reception was held in Meridian Idaho, May 16, where Leah resided. Then they motored to Alameda where Bruce lives for a reception in the ward recreation hall on May 18

Bruce is temporarily stationed at Fort Ord, Leah is a member of some of the old Church families. Her ancestors, the Tolmans and Calls, helped make early Church history. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Howe Loveland of Meridian, Idaho .

● Lou Ann Wright, daughter of President and Mrs Delbert F. Wright will be married June 10 in the Salt Lake Temple. Apostle Delbert Stapley will soleminize the marriage. The groom is Curtis O. Finch, son of Mr .and Mrs. James Finch (deceased), of Provo Utah. He recently returned from the Argentine mission and is at present attending the California College of Arts and Crafts. Lou Ann is a graduate dental nurse but at present is doing secretarial work. The happy couple expect to tour the scenic west including Bryce Canyon. They will be at home June 21 at 610 Brooklyn St., Oakland, after a reception at the Wright residence.

● One bridal shower was given by Ione Weable for Lou Ann Wright on May 7, and another at the Torgerson home May 26 by Vernell Torgerson and Jenneane Clark, while Leland Wright entertained for Lou Ann on May 29, and on May 24 the Gleaner girls of Oakland ward entertained for her at a luncheon at the Oakland ward chapel.

● Jane Podwys of Alameda, was feted at a stork shower in the home of Rae Stamps May 2. Her many friends who attended enjoyed an evening of games and refreshments.

● Allen Hunt and Dick Mason of Dimond were wed in the Mesa Temple May 19.

● Barbara Walker, Irene Laycock, and Georgia Hammond were hostesses at a stork shower for Darlien Sorenson. Games were played and a dessert was served. Darlien got many nice things for her baby.

● The engagement of Madeline Smith and Evan Hunter of Mission Ward is announced. Madeline is a fine stake missionary. Congratulations!

SCOUTS

● Roger Hiatt, San Francisco's scoutmaster, plans a very early summer for his Scouts! May 2 and 3, at the big scouting exhibition at the Cow Pallace, our scouts presided over a post office and stamp collectors exhibit; May 9 a court of honor was held at Mission Ward; May 14 saw the District Camporees at the Presidio.

● July sees the ever popular Fathers' and Sons' outing, and on July 9 and 10th will come the Camporee in San Rafael.

● The first Boy Scout Circus in 36 years was featured by the Mount Diablo Council, Boy Scouts of America May 16 and 17 at the El Cerrito Memorial Field. Among the 3000 boys taking part in this mammoth affair were LDS scouts from Claremont, Berkeley, Walnut Creek, Richmond and East Richmond wards, and Rodea branch. In the management of the Circus were Gordon Hawkins of Walnut Creek, Roy Balmforth Berkeley, and George Herbert Macey of Pleasant Hills, all LDS scout leaders.

● Boy Scout work will be celebrated on its 40th Anniversary at the General Conference of MIA in Salt Lake July 13-15 and Pres. McKay will make one of the addresses about scouting and what it means to the men and women and the boys of the Church in its power for happy development of body, mind and spirit.

A large delegation of MIA workers from all wards and stakes of the Bay Area is predicted. The dynamic programs of activities and spectacles is attracting more and more people to these June Mutual conferences. By sharing the rides the expense of the trip becomes very small, tho the good time and inspiration are very great, and long-lasting.

● Maurine McKinley, previously of Alameda, now of Portland, was recently honored at a luncheon at the home of Rose Winkel in Niles. Present were: Maurine McKinley, Rose Winkel, Mary Lou Porter, Alice Smedley, Irma Lane, Elaine Lane, Marie Smith, Rae Stamps, Kay Turner, Susan White, Betty Jo Campbell, Lucile Schow, Darlene Balding and Verla Smith.

BIRTHS

● Proud parents of a baby boy are Mr .and Mrs. Leonard Kay, of Santa Rosa.

● Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Chad B. White of Salt Lake City, on the berth of their first child, Cheryl Lynn, weighing 7 lbs. and 3 oz., who was born April 28 at the Oak Knoll Naval hospital. While her husband, Chad, is stationed at Camp Cook, Susan, the proud mother, is living with her sister-in-law Sis. W. B. Turner of Alameda ward.

● Beverly (Matheson) Sovinsky of Sunset Ward gave birth to a 5 pound 1 ounce baby girl, Patricia.

● To Ted and Maxine Hilton of San Leandro a fine boy, Kevin.

● Homer Olson and wife Janet have a charming young daughter Mary Elizabeth born May 8 in Berkeley. Brother Olson is a native of Monroe, Utah and has been in Concord Ward a couple of months.

● Chester Shurtliff and wife have been honored by the arrival of a fine eight pound six boy, Michael Chester. He made his appearance at Merrett hospital May 13.

● Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fontano of San Leandro of a baby daughter, and the very best of good wishes.

● We are happy to announce that the George Facers of Concord have a fine son George Jeffry making now a total of four lovely children.

● John Lea Lloyd, born April 21—7 lbs. 3 ozs. The proud parents are Faye and Layton Lloyd.

● Glorietta Larsen born April 21—8 lbs. 3 ozs. to Gloria and Dean Larsen.

● April Elaine Bodily born April 23—7 lbs. 8 ozs. to Marilla and Howard Bodily.

● Robert Lambers McComber born April 29—8 lbs. 5 ozs. to Merial and Ferryle McComber.

● Tamara Gibbs born April 29—7 lbs. to Wanda and Eugene Gibbs.

● Catherine Barnett born May 8, 7 lbs. 1 oz. to Julia and Scott Barnett.

● Just wait and see what is in the store for the future! Zion is growing.

● Doyle and Marjory Fullmer are the proud parents of a baby girl, named Fae Jean. She was born April 25.

● Helen and Dean Mann's hopes for a boy were fulfilled, when a baby boy was in fact born to them May 1. His name is Jeffery Dean.

● Glen and Corinne Marchant also have a new baby boy. He was born May 2, and has been named Glen Lindsay, after his father.

● A brand-new member in Sebastapol Branch, baby Marl Richmond White, came to Jean and Allen White March 19. With Johnny and David thats three boys straight. Showers poured on Jean from the YWMIA, and also the Relief Society. Happy young family.

● The Joseph Eyrings, (he of the Berkeley Stake High Council) are rejoycing over the arrival of a new son, May 18. They now have their half dozen. If babies are cheaper by the dozen, Joe and Lavon are still not eligible for a special rate.

● The Leland Fifes have a new daughter. Leland is counselor in the Berkeley First bishopric.

● Shirley Snider had her mind and bassinet all made for a little girl, but her new baby boy is so beautiful she is not interested in girls at all, and would not trade him for a whole trainload of girls.

● Born to June and Jim Martin of San Francisco in May a baby girl, Laurie June is San Francisco leader of Junior Gleaners.

Neal and Darlien Sorenson are the proud parents of a 6 lb 14 oz. son born on May 17. They will call him Neal Merrill Sorenson.

BERKELEY STAKE

Berkeley MIA NEWS

FINAL RESULTS ERA CAMPAIGN

Pittsburg ward is the winner in both total subscriptions and in percentage gain over last year. Rodeo is the winner in the percentage of goal (the goal was "The Era in every home"), and also in percentage of quota. Here are the figures for all wards and branches first, of the total subscriptions and then of the percentage of quota:

Rodeo 50 and 520; Pittsburg 138 and 431; Martinez 65 and 191; Walnut Creek 63 and 146; Berkeley Second 71 and 147.9; Berkeley First 70 and 134.6; Claremont 42 and 131.2; Richmond 62 and 106.9; and East Richmond 30 and 55.

Lew Roland and Lois Sconberg, stake Era directors, point out that this fine big Church magazine, the Era, is going into 193 more homes now than last year.

MIA MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

The MIA Maids of the stake will hold their Mothers-Daughters luncheon at the Rankers' home in Lafayette Saturday, May 24 at 1 p.m. The girls have earned their MIA Jay awards will receive their rose pins at the luncheon.

A good number of Berkeley stake officers and teachers and members will attend the great MIA June Conference in Salt Lake City June 12, for the Drama Festival; June 13, the Speech and Dance Festival; June 14, Music Festival and the usual stimulating department sessions in the afternoon and morning.

The MIA welcome new board members Roger F. Magleby, secretary, 1602 Shattuck, Berkeley, Ash. 3-2300; Jack V. Evans, Explorer Leader, 1951 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Berkeley, Landscape 6-0156; and Thelma Giovannini, publicity manager, 678 30th St., Richmond, Beacon 4-6473.

A MIA Camp Institute is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, followed by a "Sports Fun Day," Thursday the 12th, and concluding with the usual departmental work sessions Saturday, June 14.

JUNIOR GLEANER SLUMBER PARTY

The Berkeley Stake Slumber Party for the Junior Gleaners will be held at the Martinez Ward Welfare building, Wednesday, June 18, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The girls of the stake junior Gleaners classes are advised to bring enough "grub" for the evening and for breakfast, and also to bring their own bedrolls. Be on time and have fun and get acquainted with the whole group.

BEE HIVE SWARM DAY GREAT SUCCESS

The annual Berkeley Stake Bee Hive Swarm Day was held May 17, 1952, in the Berkeley chapel with approximately 200 lovely girls and their mothers in attendance. It was felt that it was indeed a glorious affair for all concerned.

The theme of the day, "Let Us Wish Upon a Star," was carried out throughout the afternoon. Each ward took a part in the program.

The "Honor Bees," who received their awards and were honored were as follows: Berkeley First Ward: Violate Gardner, Julia Harmon and Judy Odell; East Richmond: Janoe Bledsoe, Bonnie Clark, Meredith Lundberg and Rose Ann Jones; Martinez Ward: Jean Cook and Merrilyn Evensen; Pittsburg ward: Betty Renee Hunt, Gayle Gibbs and Betty Hewett; Richmond ward: Diana Sandwich and Pat Ewing; Rodeo Branch: Rose Mary Lewis; and Walnut Creek: Diane Byrnes and Helen Snel. After the program the handicraft and baked goods were admired and refreshments served.

DRAMA FESTIVAL POSTPONED

The Drama Festival has been postponed until fall. The Stake Board hopes to get the full cooperation of all the wards at that time. Try-outs will be held the second and third weeks in September in each of the wards.

The play will be "Torchbearers," by George Kelly, a three-act Broadway comedy. The stake board drama leader Marillyn Edwards, hopes to have every ward of the stake represented in the cast as well as in the supporting stage crews.

Concord Ward News

By Ellen R. Cook

PRIMARY—At Primary Conference forty-five Primary boys and girls sang joyously to us of many things. The program was centered around the new song book. "The Children Sing." There were lovely flowers, good lighting, clever costumes, interesting narration, and sweet voices. Sister Woods, and Sister Criddle were visitors from the Stake Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Brother Wayne Walker, recently baptized member of our ward, has just been appointed counselor in the Sunday School Superintendency. The Jr. Sunday School has grown; the average attendance each Sunday is 45 to 50 children. Sister Norma Erickson is Superintendent of the Jr. S. S. and appreciates her staff of teachers.

Mother's Day brought an especially large group to Sunday School and testimony meeting. Programs and flowers were part of the day, as were corsages for special awards. The four awards given all went to the same family: Sister Cullum the oldest Mother present, also had the largest family. Sister Bates was the youngest mother present, and also the newest mother—she is the granddaughter of Sister Cullum.

Brother and Sister Bates had their baby blessed during Sacrament meeting by its great-grandfather, Edward Cullum.

ELDER'S QUORUM — The Elders Quorum has recently been reorganized with the following officers: Carvel Dansie, Pres.; King Hinkley, Counselor, (both from Concord); Wayne Pendleton, counselor; and Merlin Roach, secretary, (both from Pittsburg). Ernest Adams, from Concord, is the new group leader. Jack Roskelly and Dan Drumiler, who have both been active in this Elder's Quorum, have been given a new assignment in Stake Missionary work. We wish both these men joy and success in this new calling.

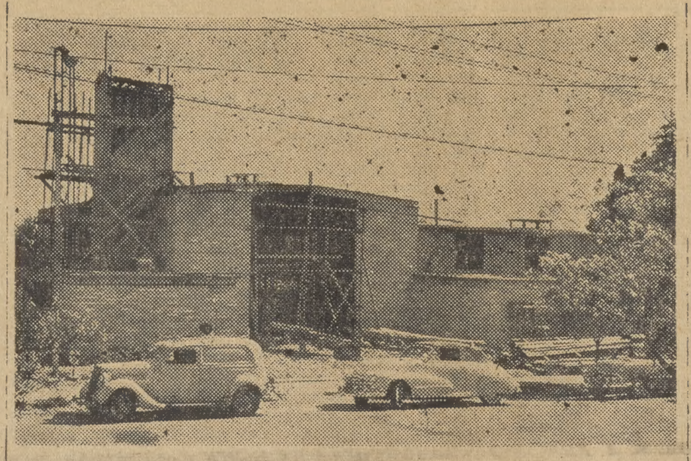
FATHER'S AND SON'S OUTING — May 15 about 40 fathers and sons from Concord and Martinez Wards left Friday afternoon for Mt. Hamilton Observatory. The telescopes at the observatory were set up for viewing Mars and Saturn. About 10 p.m. the group drove eight miles below the observatory where camp was set up for the night. It was reported that some of the fathers got some rest that night! Saturday morning after breakfast, the group drove to Santa Cruz to swim, sun bathe and see the museum.

Bishop Ira J. Markham has recently undergone an operation. Brother Markham is at home recuperating and feeling very much better.

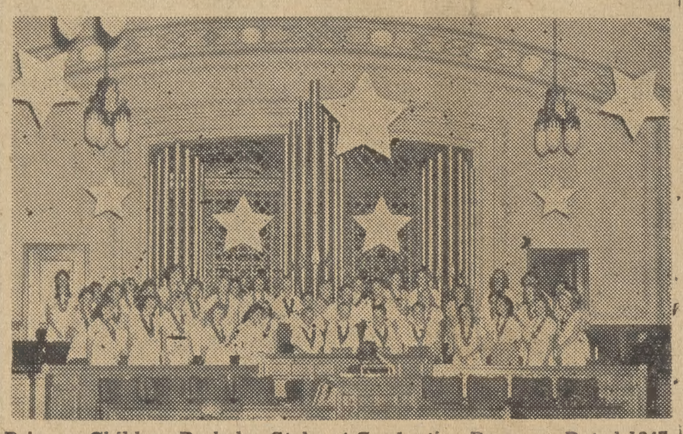
Concord Ward came out in all glory on April 25 and held her first family party. A short program was given by Brother Jay Dee Terry and his son Jay Dee Jr. Then the children were taken down stairs and shown a movie while the adults enjoyed dancing to our excellent Concord Ward orchestra.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

Regardless of trade, skill or profession, our chief interest here and hereafter should be service to our fellow man for it is through such service that we find ourselves. Though faith and prayer and service we build into our very souls the attributes of our heavenly Father. We gain salvation no faster than we gain knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ and adopt it as part of our life—Bishop Ira J. Markham.



Claremont Ward's Chapel now under construction on Stuart Street just west of Telegraph, Berkeley, is shown as of May 24, 1952. The Claremont ward leaders are joining with Stake Authorities in efforts to recruit every available hand in volunteer labor from all the wards of the stake. It is hoped to rally all good-hearted stake members so that the chapel may be speedily completed and ready for occupancy by eary fall. —Photo by Ed Pyle.



Primary Children Berkeley Stake at Graduation Program. Dated 1947. here reproduced in the hope that in this time of Primary graduation programs the picture perhaps may serve to more vividly call to the minds of parents the vital service which the Primary Associations of the Church are rendering to our most precious heritage, our little children. No need to repeat the truism: "The greatest wealth of a nation is its children."

The special call for a two-stake meeting of parents of Primary children together July 9 at the Oakland ward chapel therefore seems ti be one call that should be heeded and should take precedence over most other duties of our young parents.

Berkeley 1st Ward

By Merrilyn H. Everett

Sister Bassinger and Dr. Crowther have joined the teaching staff of the Sunday School. Dr. Crowther is assisting Dean Price with the Advanced Senior Class. Our excellent Sunday School is running very smoothly, being fully staffed as the present time. Superintendent Eddie Pyle invites anyone who would like to take a class to make themselves known to the superintendency. A place will be found for them now or in the near future.

Eleven Seagull girls, under the leadership of Sister Betty June Johnson, will graduate from Primary on that day to participate in the party honoring these girls. The Primary will take a short vacation the first two weeks in June. Sister Hermese Ogden, the president, will announce the summer schedule and program soon.

The MIA Summer Program will start with a bang the very first Tuesday in June. A varied and exciting time has been planned for all summer, and the Mutual Officers and teachers invite every family in the ward to participate, starting with a Family Night Party on June 3. No member of the ward can afford to miss it, for at that time, the summer plans will be announced, bringing an extra good time for all.

Effie Dunhum, mother of Scott Dunhum of Berkeley first ward, visited folks and friends in Berkeley in mid April. She had spent the winter in Florida, and will soon return to her home in St. George, Utah.

Mark L. Haldaway and wife Nellie, parents of Thelma Merrill, were house guests of the Merrils in May.

Arvin Stuart Gibson and Carol Dunham Gibson have moved to a home down the peninsula. Arvin commutes to his work in San Francisco.

Joyce Hill enjoyed a visit in Berkeley again but has returned to her studies at Fullerton Junior College where she makes her home with her sister Roberta and Earl Amot.

Mrs. Delsa B. Walton, wife of Owen K. has been elected vice president of the Albany Board of Education. Sister Walton has served on the Albany Board for many years, having been president of the board for a term.

D. Grant Ellis, MD, of Berkeley, has been elected the new president of the Medical Advisory Board for Alta Bates Community Hospital.

He will head a committee concerned with the professional medical standards of the hospital. Receiving his MD degree in 1931 from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Ellis has been in general practice in Berkeley for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Ellis also pledged the support of the medical staff of the hospital for programs now underway to increase the capacity of the hospital to care for additional patients and provide necessary laboratory expansion.

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE:

At the last meeting of the Bishop's council of the Berkeley Stake, action was taken to obtain a permit for the canning of all types of fruits, vegetables, meat and etc., at the Stake cannery. In taking this action the Bishops feel this would encourage the members of the Church to use this fine cannery that is so fortunately available to us.

Group canning by small well-organized groups can be very effective both in getting good quality food at reasonable prices, and in holding the cost down. We hope the members of the Ward will give this matter some serious consideration, particularily now that the season is now at hand for this activity.

Martinez Ward News

By Mrs. Netta Skidmore
2714 Garden Ave., Concord

Vance Roskelley left May 9 for San Diego to enter the Navy Air Corp.

The Ralph Twiggs and three children have just returned from a weeks trip to Portland where they spent Mother's Day with brothers Twiggs mother, Mrs. Nedvideck.

Natatie Sant has just retnured from Salt Lake where her daughters husband underwent some very serious surgery. Durlan thru faith and prayers and wonderful surgery is doing well, and Jean and her two lovely children are also well.

Brother and Sister Ruel Brown were made very happy on Mothers Day by having Sister Browns parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lane from San Mateo County, with them.

A surprise party was given for Elanore Vom Dorp on her birthday. All came in overalls and brought along pieces of cardboard. Fun on the side! Ask any more.

King and Rhoda Hinkley have been happy to have with them for a week Rhoda's parents, Bro. and Sister Soren of Salt Lake.

The Wm. Arnolds have as their guest one of Sr. Arnolds sisters from Salt Lake who is planning on staying at least a month; have fun.

The Ericksons and the Crooks were honored by having the parents of the two girls, Brother and Sr. Kest with them for Mothers day.

Lee Willis and sons Raymond and Ted have just returned from a rush trip to Salt Lake. Sister Willis' mother passed away in Southern California. Funeral services were held in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Anne Parker had to leave suddenly for Texas to attend the funeral of her mother who passed away of a heart attack.

Elmhurst Ward

By JOANNE PARTINGTON.

Winners! The girls of Elmhurst were high in attendance in Oakland stake again for April.

Another winner! Bob Allan of our ward was recently the winner of the Student Body election at Castlemont High which makes him next semester's Boys' Federation president.

More winners! Elmhurst ward's baseball team won their first game this year on the 5th of May against Dimond ward. Let's get out and support the team. The games are played every Monday night at McConnell Field.

Elder Wm. Atkins returned from a two and a half year mission in Samoa on April 17. Leaving from Dimond ward "Bill" has taken up residence in Elmhurst since his return. "Somoa is the Paradise of the South Pacific and the people there are some of the finest in the world," declared Elder Atkins.

On May 4th the annual Primary Conference was held. The children sang songs and gave readings which showed the content of their new song books, "Tne Children Sing." Well done!

The unanimous feeling of the Saints is that this year's Mother's Day program was the best ever seen in our ward.

The Special Interest classes have been enjoying outstanding programs under the direction of George La Von Osmond. These are for all over 26.

On the first of May a party was given by the MIA officers and teachers for the outgoing officers and teachers of Elmhurst: Blanche Jacobs, Edith Haymes, secretary; Ross Wilson, manual counselor; Shirley Troub, speech director; and Mable Jensen, MIA Maid teacher.

Richmond Wd. News

Bishop's Message

OUR BEE PROJECT

We would like to announce that our ward now has a permanent Welfare project, that of honey production.

Yes, we have today many thousands of bees working with us and helping to produce our Welfare budget.

The beehive, a symbol of industry, has enjoyed a prominent place in the history and development of our Church.

Bishop and Sister Carman started with one hive of bees and have built them into the present 17 hives and will now turn them over to the Welfare program as a starter.

Peter Gengler, George Stoddard and others not of our ward and one not of our Church, have donated bees and equipment for the project. Thanks to them. We will appreciate anything that can be used in a bee project.

Anyone who has had experience in bee keeping ("insect varieties," that is) please contact the bishopric. We shall be able to use you.

We have recently received a shipment of 30 complete (empty) hives. These will be assembled by our members. There will be some work for the Aaronic Priesthood. This is a chance for our boys to get the Welfare credit needed to qualify for their individual awards. Boys, contact your priesthood advisors.

This bee project is under the direction of the Ward Welfare Committee. Come and "bee" with us.

Pittsburg Ward

Many members of the Pittsburg Ward spent a very entertaining evening recently at the Antioch High School, where the "Melodears," a Night School, ladies' singing group, gave an excellent concert. The instructor of this group is Sister Mildred Gibbs, a very talented member of our Ward.

Sis. Lena Clayton has returned to Pittsburg from Utah, and has brought with her a very welcome visitor, Carol Webb (nee Carol Clayton), who will visit for a short while and then rejoin her husband in Oregon.

Our last Fast Day was particularly noteworthy because of the fact eight persons were confirmed new members of our Church on that day, three of them being adults.

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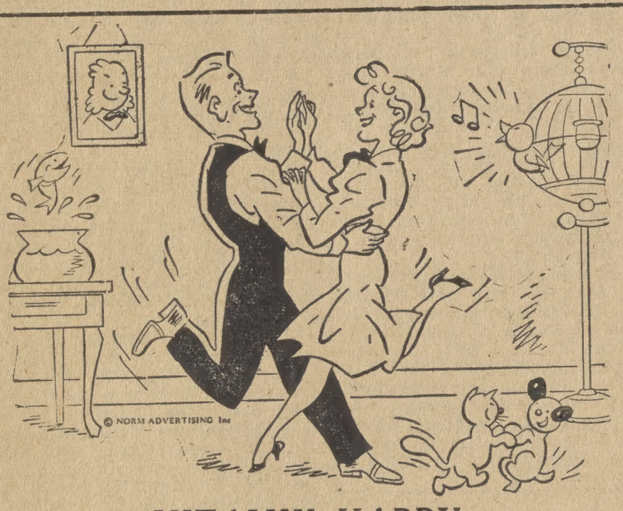

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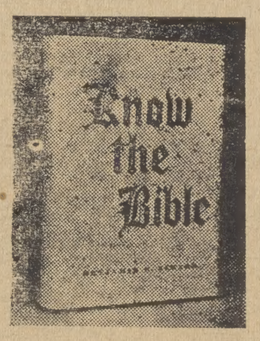

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East Richmond Ward

Bishop's Message:

God has commanded us to help the needy. Hence the Welfare Plan. We never know when we may need help from the Bishop's Storehouse, as was forcibly brought home to us by the many saints who were fed and cared for at the recent flooded areas in Utah.

The proceeds from the home to be sold, which is now under construction, will go into the Welfare Plan. The Bishopric cannot stress strongly enough the help that is needed, now that the framing is started. We are insuring our own future in helping care for the poor and needy, for which we will abundantly be blessed in our own homes.

Ward members were entertained at the Smorgesborg Ward Dinner Friday night by twenty Pueblo Indians, who gave the Butterfly and Hoop Dances in full Indian regalia.

A large group enjoyed the Relief Society closing social, which was held at the Rod and Gun Club.

A arty was given for the six Seagull girls graduating from Primary Thursday. Claudia Clark, Diane Smith, Diana Gengler, Carol Fetski, Ada Atherton, and Jean Tidwell. Each girl, and their mothers were presented with corsages.

Two new teachers have been added to the Primary Staff: Sister Amtoft and Sister Campbell.

Jack McDaniels left recently for Fairbanks, Alaska, where he will be employed by a construction firm until fall.

Steve Ostler and family are returning to their home in Salt Lake, after spending several months in Richmond.

Our sympathy goes to Neil Chester and family for the loss of his beloved mother at Chico, Calif.

Pleasant Hills Ward

Bishop's Message:

The church in general and our Ward in particular offers many opportunities to everyone. The very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can best be described by the one word "Service." Our Lord and Saviour asked us to "love our neighbors as ourselves," and stated, "He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all."

In Pleasant Hills Ward lies ample opportunity for all. Being a small ward, all can participate. If you have not been given the opportunity you wish, won't you please tell a member of the bishopric? Let us help you enjoy life's greatest treasures.

"God bless you and inspire you in your work," we say to all now loyally serving.

Bisohp Joseph Roy Hilton Wed. May 29 was the closing social of the Relief Society of the two wards, Pleasant Hills and Walnut Creek. Bro. Casto gave the theology lesson after which came luncheon. Our love and appreciation to old friends in Walnut Creek. Farewell!

May the new Presidency have the blessing of the Lord. Sister Fern Christensen is the new president with Elaine Jensen and Nellie Johnson as counselors.

We welcome Arnell Clark back after a month's vacation in Utah where she visited her mother.

The last of the Ward Pot Luck dinners was held May 16. The MIA in charge. The tables were nicely decorated and the food good.

Our sympathy to Bob Smith who is recuperating from a badly cut foot resulting from an accident with a Rototiller.

Maxwell Park Ward

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a huge success. We wish to thank all of those who helped with this project that did so well in earning money for the building fund.

Gail Cragun spent a few weeks home recently ,on leave from the Air Force in Germany. The ward was privileged to have him as the speaker for the evening service May 11.

Sid Judson has been transferred again. He and Marilyn are now living at 221 South First Street in Glendale, Arizona.

Dick Smith is managing our ward softball team. He has put out a call for some more players. If you like to play ball, why not join the team next Monday night?

Roy Spencer has been appointed clerk of the branch that he attends in the East. He was honored by being chosen to give the address at their Mother's Day program.

Doyle Fullmer has been selected president of the ward Elder's quorum. In order to work in this capacity he has been released as ward clerk.

Maxwell Park Bishop's Message:

The bishopric wishes to commend the ward teachers for the fine service they have been rendering. In the last two months the ward teaching record has doubled bringing the average to 75-80 per cent each month. Though the teachers have been doing very well, they are urged to even a better percentage. Let's do 100 per cent of our ward teaching each month.

Berk. Stake News

In the Berkeley stake index of quorum activity for the quarter ending March 31, 1952, the Fourth Elders' quorum marked up a total of 73 points; 339th Seventy quorum, 72; 273 Seventy, 71; Fifth Elders', 66; High Priests, 65; Third Elders', 59; Sixth Elders', 56; First Elders', 41 and Second Elders', 27 points.

To replace Pres. Ariel A. Anderson of the stake mission, the stake presidency has selected Bro. Phyl N. Hilton, formerly first counselor in the presidency. To assist Pres. Hilton in this new calling, Bro. Clark Fails will act as first counselor, Bro. Heber M. Ellsworth as second counselor, and Bro. Milton E. Noe as secretary.

The priesthood of the stake extends to retiring President Anderson its thanks and gratitude for his years of leadership in this capacity and wishes him continued success in his new field of labor.

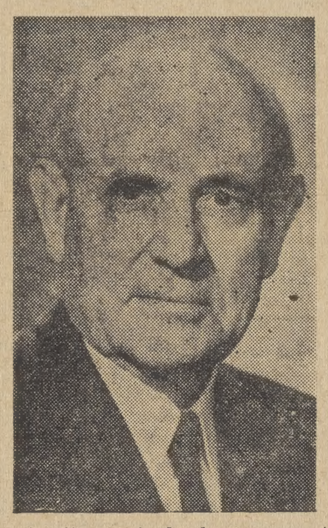
Recently released from the presidency of the 339th Quorum are Clyde Klickner and Von R. Nielson, the latter now a member of the new Pleasant Hills bishopric. Appointed to fill the vacancies are Calvin Clyde and Stanley A. Dahlin.

Calvin is a native of Springville, son of W. W. Clyde, general contractor there. He is a graduate of Springville high and has attended Utah State Agricultural college, BYU and the University of Utah, graduating from the latter school in 1951. He is now doing graduate work at the University of California and is a teaching assistant in the field of hydraulics.

Stanley Dahlin, on the other hand, is one of those rare items in California—a convert and a native son—having been born in Martinez. After graduating from Martinez high school, Stanley accepted employment with the Pacific Gas and Electric company. He is still employed there in the overhead line onstruction department. Stanley accepted the gospel in 1926; a year later he met and married Mrs. Dahlin, and the marriage was sealed in the temple in Salt Lake City in 1933.

President Richards Addresses East Seminary Rites

Because of their seminary training, LDS students are blessed with additional knowledge which will help them make correct choices for happiness throughout



their lives. And these correct choices will enrich their lives in this world and the next.

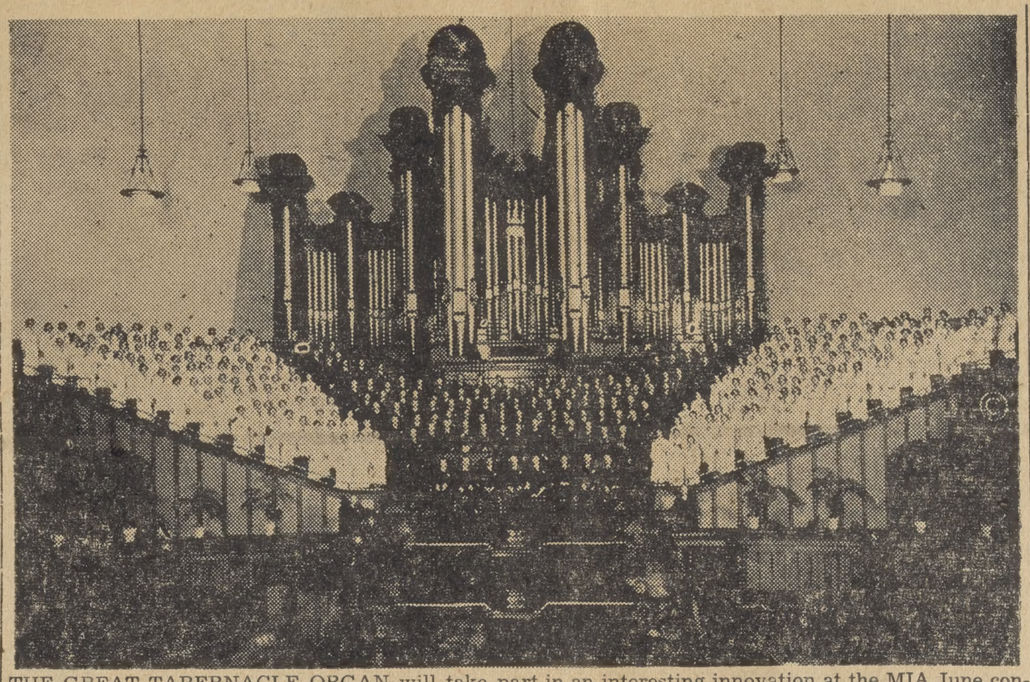
So declared Pres. Stephen L. Richards, first counselor in the First Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He spoke Thursday night in the East high school seminary graduation exercises in Salt Lake City.

In his commencement address given to the 107 graduates in the Bonneville ward chapel, President Richards congratulated the students for taking advantage of the seminary program offered them by the church.

BYU NEWS

Dr. Henry L. Isaksen, assistant superintendent of Ogden schools, will join the faculty of the BYU as assistant professor of education in September. A native of Altona, Utah, Dr. Isaksen received the B.A. degree at San Jose State college, the master's at Stanford and the PhD. at the University of Utah.

Recently promoted to associate professorships at the "Y" are two men, well-known in the Berkeley area: Dr. Richard D. Poll, history and political science, active in Claremont ward while working for the PhD. degree at "Cal;" and Dr. E. John Eastmond, physics, who until 1950 was counselor in the bishopric of Berkeley Second ward.



THE GREAT TABERNACLE ORGAN will take part in an interesting innovation at the MIA June conference in Salt Lake City, when the festival concert is given in the tabernacle with its 1700 voiced chorus Saturday, June 14. There will be an antiphonal choir singing in a simulated echo to another choir, and in this part of the program the new antiphonal organ installed recently in the tabernacle will have an important part. On this occasion the seats that are usually occupied by the famed tabernacle choir led by Spencer Cornwall, will be crowded with the expanded festival chorus of 1700 voices. Many of the MIA workers from the Bay Area and Santa Rosa stakes will attend the MIA June conference. On Saturday morning the new 75-page music manual will be introduced to the stakes.

Ruth M. Fox Poem Is Set to Music

A brand new MIA song was given its first hearing last Wednesday afternoon, when the 40-voice Delta Phi chorus of BYU traveled to the Salt Lake City home of the writer of the words and sang the new composition.

Honored by the special occasion was Mrs. Ruth May Fox, "the grand old lady of MIA," who will reach her 99th birthday this coming November.

Mrs. Fox wrote the words to the new song, "In Triumph, We Shall Sing," in her 97th year.

For years Mrs. Fox has been noted throughout the church for writing the words of the rousing MIA hymn, "Carry On," which MIA members enjoy singing on frequent occasions.

Composer of the music for the new work is Crawford Gates, brilliant young church musician of the BYU faculty and member of the YMMIA General Board Music committee.

—Deseret News.

"In Triumph We Shall Sing"

Words by RUTH MAY FOX
Music by CRAWFORD GATES

I

We'll gird the world around
With friendliness and cheer,
Relying on the faith
That God is always near;
We seek for honest worth,
For freedom of the soul,
For strength of mind and limb
To help us reach our goal.

CHORUS:

Come, O youth, let us rally
Hold high your torch of truth;
And to its glorious purpose
We consecrate our youth;
Let nothing daunt our fervor
Hark! Hear the echoes ring!
O, comrades, do not tarry,
In triumph we shall sing.

II

This world is ours to mould
Into a home of joy,
A paradise of peace,
And Satan's power to destroy.
Hark! Hear the clarion call;
March forward, MIA
Our Captain goes before
To glorify our day.

Berkeley Stake Softball

Berkeley stake MIA softball teams will be seen in action in the Berkeley wards, in Richmond and Rodeo. Perhaps one or two other wards will report teams later. Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hills, it is understood, have teams of softball players but they are Melchezidek priesthood quorums and not under the banner of the MIA softball schedule this year.

Claremont and East Richmond would have teams this year except for one reason: the building program in each ward. In Claremont it is the new chapel that is to be completed this fall at all costs; in East Richmond the ward is building a project house to be sold for the benefit of the welfare budget.

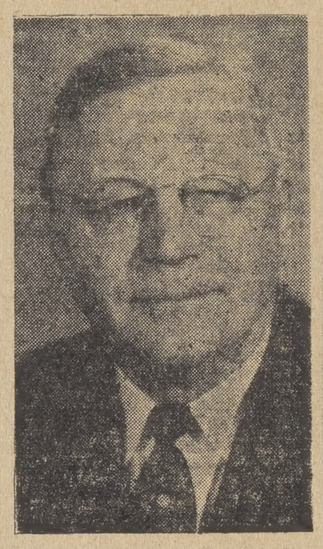
Calvin Wood Called To Mission Field; Hurried Farewell Set For June 11

With rather unexpected suddenness a call has come to Calvin Wood of Claremont ward to leave early in June for the Spanish-American Mission. Calvin is asked to report to the Mission Home in Salt Lake City by June 16.

His farewell will be held in the Berkeley chapel on the evening of Wednesday, June 11 at 8 p.m. No doubt the many friends of Calvin and of the Don and Annette Wood family will see to it that Calvin receives a heartening farewell party.

Pres. Ivins Observed 1st Birthday May 11

President Antoine Ridgeway Ivens of the first Council of the Seventy, celebrated the 71st anniversary of his birth Sunday, May 11, 1952. He was holding conference sessions in Gettysburg, S. D., in connection with his tour of



the North Central States Mission.

President Ivins was born in St. George, Utah. He was called to serve in the Council of the Twelve and later served in the First Presidency of the Church as second, and then as first counselor to President Heber J. Grant.

President Ivins was called as a member of the First Council of the Seventy in 1931 at the age of 50. He has engaged extensively in stock raising and other financial and business enterprises.

Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

Our Branch conference was held the last week in April. Wesley Pryor was sustained second counselor to our Branch president. Vern Horn was sustained first counselor to President Wanlass.

The Primary held its annual conference the second Sunday night in May. The theme of this program was "The Children Sing" and was centered around the Primary's new song book.

At the Stake Primary Preparation meeting ,our Primary president, Florence Wanlass, accepted a certificate awarded for Rodeo's going over the top on our "Children's Friend" drive.

The MIA had its first outing of the summer recently to Oak Lake Park for swimming and a picnic.

A three-day sale put $116.92 into the MIA treasurery.

The MIA presidents, Leonard Smith and Adrianne Fails, thank all those who helped the sale, especially Joe Chavalia.

The Sunday School was responsible for the fine Mother's Day program. Speakers were Elder Keith Beazer and Deanne Brown. Elder Don Terry sang "That Wonderful Mother of Mine." Potted ivy plants were given to Sister Lewis, for having the most children, and to your reporter for being the youngest mother. Dwight Lenzi played several mother's day songs on his electric guitar.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings; that publishesh peace; that bringeth tidings of good; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. . . .'—Mosiah 12:21.

Branch President's Message

The Aaronic Priesthood is to be congratulated on the fine records both in attendance and participation in Priesthood activities. Especially in visiting the families of the Saints each month with the fast day envelopes under guidance of Clyde Redmon.

Their efforts are bearing fruits. Many more members are observing the commandment regarding fasting and prayer, and fasting offerings and tithes.

Berkeley 2nd Ward

By Anna Lea Spencer

WELCOME TO OUR WARD

Donna and Clyde Derr, three sons and daughter, Doris and Dilworth Jensen, and four daughters and three sons, Janet and Ray Balmforth and daughter and three sons. Be sure you make yourself personally acquainted with these charming new people . . . New friends are so worth while.

MUSICAL and DRAMATIC TREATS

Congratulations to Dorothy Harker, Barbara Beckett, Laura Summerhays, and Nonnie Farr on your wonderful one act play.

MORMON MALE CONCERT on May 22nd was such a pleasure and the contributions will help our missionaries. They sing again in our chapel June 9, at a free concert. Singing Mother's Spring Concert will be heard June 1st at Berkeley chapel at 7 for both wards.

Hoagy Carmichael, Hollywood celebrity, was "just one of the boys," when he and Scouts of Berkeley Troop 8 vocalized on "It's always good weather, when good fellows get together" preceding his stage appearance at the opening of the new Fox Theatre. Bill Owens, Charles Rose and Dave Owens are shown in a picture in the Berkeley Gazette with Hoagy Carmichael May 15, 1952.

Hayward Ward News

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and take their place at the Sacrament table.

Wesley and Mary Ream have gone to Idaho for the summer months, they will return to Hayward in the fall. Their presence is missed by many, especially by the Stake Missionaries. The Reams are very active in their call.

A Cast Party was held for all those who were in "Apple tor Teacher" in the Park at Crow Canyon. A good chili bean time was enjoyed. The aftermath was not nearly so enjoyable. Most of the ones attending broke out with poison oak in the next few days. That was where the fun stopped.

Cappy Williams was home for a short visit. He is working in Utah. The whole family will spend their vacation there. They will return in time for school. Sister Williams asks that all remember the work and business days thru the summer. Many fine and instructional things have been planned. That is for the second week in each month. Lunch is always served.

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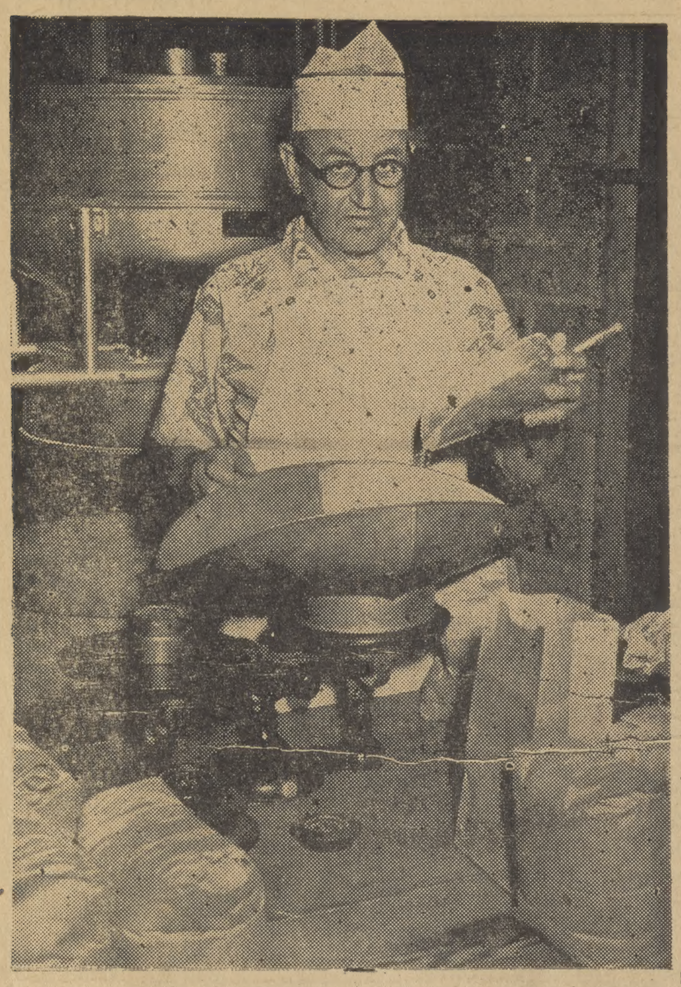

Flour Mill Owned and Operated by the High Priests. Berkeley stake's High Priests have purchased and now have in operation a new and most modern power wheat mill at the stake's Welfare House in El Cerrito. The next phase of the wheat project is to put over a campaign of placing the products of this mill in the homes of all the families of the stake as well as in commercial channels wherever possible. Members may come to the Center for having their own wheat ground, or to have wheat now available for purchase ground and packages ready for storage or use. Claude W. Dewsnup has been placed in charge of this project. He may be contacted by calling OLympic 3-4488. Shown in the photo is Claude W. Dewsnup in "cap and gown." —Photo by Ed Pyle.

Personalities

● Annaleone Davis Patton, Berkeley First ward, California Historian, authored a series of three articles accepted and reproduced in the famous "Knave" page of the Oakland Tribune, Sundays May 11, May 18, and May 25. The editor of the "Knave" comments on historian Patton's contributions, "Oakland's Centennial has encouraged Annaleone D .Patton to write about Brooklyn, the town which was here before Oakland. As she has records and an eloquent pen, her story is a most valuable contribution."

● Mrs. Edna Brinton, wife of Milton Brinton, clerk of Berkeley Second, has just returned from an extended trip to the East. She visited her daughter Alice and Dr. Rheim Jones of Galveston, Texas. Then up to Chicago to see her son Milton Howe and wife Leah and new granddaughter. Howe is associate surgeon to Dr. Reynolds at the St. Luke Hospital (heart specialist of Reader's Digest fame.) Then back by way of Salt Lake City to see daughter Nadine and husband Bettilyon, the new bishop of Imperial ward whose chapel was dedicated on Mother's Day.

● Ivy and Irv Erickson of Berkeley Second in May enjoyed a lovely 10 days trip throughout Nevada.

● Ada Umberger and Naomi Layton were confined to the hospital, but it is over and they are home again.

● Dr. Heber Russell, of Berkeley First received in April a service pin from Cutter Labatories, at a luncheon honoring three employees for their combined 100 years service with the company. Dr. Russell, a veterinarian in charge of one department, boasts 30 years steady with Cutters.

● Lee and Armis Ashby, of Maxwell Park ward, Oakland, recently enjoyed a short trip to Los Angeles. Now they are leaving to spend some time in Utah.

● Bob Anderson, of Maxwell ward, has finished his training with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. He is now working as a special agent for the Forrest J. Curry San Francisco Agency of that Company.

● Jack Binkert, until March 1952 president of Rodeo Branch, now a sergeant of the Air Police Squadron stationed at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, visited Berkeley Stake Conference May 12. Jack said he is alerted to be assigned elsewhere soon.

● Dr. Ariel A. Anderson released as Berkeley Stake Mission president May 12 for years connected with the great regional Research Laboratories at Albany, Calif., has accepted a position in Chemical - Bilogical Warfare Division at Dug Way Proving Grounds, a huge Armed Force center near Tooele, Utah. Mrs. Inez Anderson and family will remain in Berkeley until close of the school year. The family will probably purchase a home in Provo so that the children may enjoy the advantages of the BYU and other things there. A good road will connect Provo and Tooele and Dugway Proving Grounds.

● Chaplain Ross L. Covington LDS religious leader now stationed at Camp Stoneman, has from Logan, Utah. He spoke at the Berkeley Stake Conference, May 12.

Archibold Bennet. Attends Berkeley Conference

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ardent genealogical worker. Formerly a researcher under Elder Bennett in Salt Lake City Elder Dolin spoke eloquently of his testimony and joy in the work for the dead and the living. Mrs. Dolin, a former worker in the Genealogical Library, also spoke.

Pres. Wright and Harmon of Oakland and Berkeley stakes addressed the Convention and urged greater zeal in Genealogical work, lest we lose our own salvation along with our ancestors. Pres. Luke M. Robinson and Pres. C. Ronald Smith of the Oakland and Berkeley stakes' genealogical committee reported conditions in their respective stakes.

INTERMOUNTAIN NEWS

● M. E. Fond, Los Angeles area market representative of the Draper, Utah, Egg Producers Cooperative, reported May 3 having sold 134,330 cases of eggs for a net of $2,262,177 during 1951. Distribution included, besides Los Angeles, San Diego, Imperial Valley, Fresno, Modesto, Bakersfield. Sales in the Hawaiian Islands totaled 27,543 cases last year, Nevada took 10,928 cases, and the Quartermaster Center market 23,415 cases for the armed forces.

● Ed MacDonald, Seattle area representative reported a 30 per cent increase in sales of Draper eggs, even shipping cases by air to Anchorage, Alaska.

● Approximately 1400 students received degrees, certificates and diplomas at the U. of U. traditional graduation exercises Saturday June 7.

● Mark Austin, 88, Utah business and church leader, prominent in irrigation and sugar beet industries, and one-time president of Fremont Stake at Rexburg, Idaho, died May 12, while on a water survey field trip near Lehi, Utah.

● Half of Utah's 40 counties have lost in school enrollment, 1931-1951, and the other half of the counties have gained 27,600 pupils in the same 20-year period. Granite district(central half of S. L. county) leads with over 6000 increase, followed by Davis, Weber, Alpine, Ogden, Provo, Murray, Carbon, and Tooele.

● Rain-making contracts have been effected for the second year with 11 southern Utah counties by Pasadena, California water resources production company. The cost agreed upon is approximately $75,000.

● Dr. Irvin Langmuir, a Nobel prize winning scientist, said in Tucson, May 15 that his experiments have succeeded in creating a weekly rainfall pattern in central New Mexico by seeding clouds with silver iodide. The work was done cooperatively by Gen. Elec. Corp. of Schenactady, N. Y., and the Armed Forces rainfall, but, to a large extent, in order to prove that not only wind and temperature can be regulated.

● Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation from 11 western states held a two-day training conference in Salt Lake City May 14 and 15.

● Dr. R. H. Walker, USAC Dean School of Agriculture and director of UAC experiment station has been granted a one year's leave of absence to accept the position of chief of the Techincal Collaboration Branch of Foreign Agriculture Relations in Washington, D. C.

● Up in Vallejo, Calif., live former UAC students Newell Standley, Lorenzo H. Mitten and Atha Bowen Wood '38, who has taught in Vallejo (tho not at present).

● John K. Cannon, '14 UAC, whose recent promotion to four-star general, made news headlines, will be the speaker at 59th annual USAC commencement exercises to be held June 9.

COTTAGES ON THE CHURCH'S "RICH" SECURITY FARM on the Sacramento river east of Woodland in Yolo county, California. When you drive to the Sacramento river from Woodland and come to the Yolo ferry, you drive north along the river (tho you are separated from a view of the river by a 50-ft. levee) about two miles and look for the finest cottages and the largest farm buildings in the area. That's the former Rich farm, now the LDS church security farm. It is not strictly a welfare farm inasmuch as it is not yet run as a welfare project by any unit of the church, but is held by the church for security reasons.

VIEW IN THE KITCHEN on the church's "Rich" security farm east of Sacramento on the Sacramento river. Six people are working on the great farm even between seasons. Later, as headway is gained in the farm operations, 30 and more are employed. They are fed from this spick and span kitchen which is in the dining room building. Here the perfection of sanitation and neatness is found, and every modern convenience for cooking foods: electric ranges of great size, frigidaires, deep freezers of huge size, meat and other grinders and mixers. The dining room tables are finished in mahogany as are the seats, while the floors are hardwood.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

was born at Whitingham, Vermont, June 1, 1801, but in 1804 his parents moved to New York state. Baptised April 14, 1832; ordained one of the Twelve, February 14, 1835; died August 29, 1879 in Salt Lake City, age 76. Last words were: "Joseph, Joseph, Joseph."

Temple Schedules

CLOSING DATES FOR SUMMER, 1952

Alberta
July 31 — reopens Sept. 16
Arizona
July 3 — reopens Sept. 29
Idaho Falls
August 30 — reopens Oct. 14
Logan
August 1 — reopens Sept. 8
Manti
July 23 — reopens Sept 2
St. George
July 19 — reopens Sept. 9
Salt Lake City
June 27 — reopens August 11
Hawaiian
Closes during August.

Note: For those interested we are pleased to announce that two of our local genealogy committee members offer to do research now at reasonable rates. Contact Albert Dietker, ASh. 5-9508 and Mrs. Lenora Hill, ASh 3-10440 Sister Hill will be in Los Angeles during the summer and will do research work as desired at the great genealogical library there.

Bishop Herbert A. Van Noy

Herbert A Van Noy, former chairman of Oakland stake's genealogical committee, became Dimond ward's new bishop, February 24, 1952.

The selection of a new bishop for Dimond was made necessary by the call of February 24 of former Bishop Elmo R. Smith to the position of second counselor in the Oakland Stake Presidency.

Bishop Van Noy has chosen Clyde A. Russell and Eugene S. Hilton to serve as his two counselors.

Summer Vacations

● The West Hammonds from Salt Lake City, spent a weekend recently visiting their son Gale and his family in San Francisco.

● Sister Gladys Crawford has returned from Salt Lake City, and Ogden where she visited her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Crawford who are parents of a daughter, Deborah, born on April 12.

● Enrouts to Hawaii Bishop and Mrs. Mirlin W. Sant and Dr. and Mrs. Mel Keller of Los Angeles will visit friends in the Bay Area around June 10th.

They will be part of a group of fifteen couples, under the guidance of Elder Waldron of the Logan Stake Presidency who was formerly a member of the Hawaiian Mission Presidency for ten years.

● Summer vacation plans formulated by several San Francisco ward members include: a trip by the I. LeRoy Lamberts about the middle of May through the Northwest and return through Salt Lake City where they visit with their son Richard and wife, and the new expected grandson.

● For the Norman Thomases a vacation for three or four weeks in June to Salt Lake City for visiting friends and relatives, and for business, and then on to Yakima, Washington, where they will visit Mrs. Thomases daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Terry.

● Early in July Gale and Georgia Hammond with their small son, Gale LeRoy first will visit Georgia's parents and family in Las Vegas and then go to Salt Lake City, to visit Gale's family. They will be gone for about two weeks.

● Gale and Georgia Hammond, and Barbara and Grant Walker plan a short week-end trip to Yosemite the latter part of May.

● Thomas and Violet Pyne, prominent members of the Oakland Ward, left May 9 for an extended vacation in Europe.

Their itinerary includes a directed tour of the principal cities of England, Holland, Belguim, Switzerland and France. The Pynes will leave the sponsored tour in Paris and spend an additional two weeks visiting many prominent and historical places in Italy and Southern France.

They are scheduled to arrive home around the middle of June with beautiful colored movies to show, their many friends.

● From Tampa, Florida, comes a picture postal from Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and Adrian Gee, who have been slow-touring the southern part of the country in their house-trailer. "Wonderful trip . . . good weather . . . feeling fine . . . finding genealogy and expect to find more. Leaving here now May 9), for Virginia and Washington, D. C.," says the card.

● The Lynwood Wardell family of Livermore left May 24 for a two weeks' vacation in Utah. They will be visiting Sylvia's family and friends. Mrs. George Wardell preceded them to Utah and will return May 26 or thereabout.

● Mrs. Wayne Medsker, also of Livermore, and two boys plan to spend their vacation time in Missouri where they will be visiting her folks.

● The LDS Business College of Salt Lake City becomes a branch of the BYU on June 1, 1952. The phrase, "Branch of the Brigham Young University" will henceforth be added to the old name. Kenneth S. Bennion, currently president, becomes director.

Graduation

San Francisco Ward's Albert Whipple, June graduate at Whipple, June graduate at Junior City college, San Francisco plans to enter Stanford this fall in the school of electrical engineering. The family moved to Palo Alto.

● June College grads from BYU include Pres. Nalder's girls, Beverly and Nadine, who will spend most of this summer with their parents, the C. W. Nalders in Roanoke, Virginia at the Mission Home.

● Graduated from "Cal" in June from San Francisco Ward are Marilyn Stewart with a B. A. in Psychology and Social Welfare. She plans to continue her studies for two years for the M. S. W. in Social Welfare; and Brant Walder with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He will seek employment with the State Department of Highways.

● Also from San Francisco Ward, Wayne Wright graduating from the BYU in June with a B.A. in music, plans to take employment as circulation manager of the Herald Tribune in Logan.

● Among the graduates, June 13, 1952, from the San Leandro High School are the following: Sally Malin, Joy Winter, Bob Christensen, Russ McBride and Bill Jackson. A special evening meeting will honor them, Sunday, June 6th. Sally, Bob and Russ plan to attend the University of California. Joy will take a business course at the Armstrong Business College, Berkeley, while Bill is heading for Provo and the BYU.

Calif. LDS Artist Shows Paintings, Drawings In Utah

A showing of paintings and drawings by John Whitaker, Beverly Hills, Calif., artist now attending Brigham Young University was made May 21 by the Springville, Utah, Cultural Center.

Mr. Whitaker was employed at the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif., for the last two years. During the past five years he has had his work privately exhibited in Los Angeles, and at the famous annual Greek Theatre Art Show in that city. He has studied in California with such well-known artists as Clinton Adams and Jan Stussy, who have praised his work highly.

In Provo, his teachers have been the noted artists B. F. Larsen and J. Roman Andrus of the BYU faculty. For the past few months he has assisted in the staging of several plays under the sponsorship of Dr. T. Earl Pardoe.

Primary Two-Stake Convention Meets In Oakland July 10

The Primary Stake Boards of Oakland and Berkeley stakes announce that the joint two-stake Primary convention will be held in the Oakland ward chapel on Thursday, July 10. Two visitors from Salt Lake City will attend, and take leading parts.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., on that Thursday, the two stake boards will meet until 10:40 a.m. From 10:45 to 11:30 the stake boards and the ward presidents will meet together. From 11:30 until 12 noon the two stake boards will meet separately.

Luncheon comes from 12 until. 1:30. From 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., the meeting is for all officers and teachers in the Primary, as well as for the stake boards and others.

From 3:00 until 4:00 department sessions will gather in separate rooms.

Present at these sessions of the Primary Convention are expected the following: The High Council and ward bishopric representatives assigned to the Primary, and all Primary stake and ward officers and teachers and others who may desire to attend.

On the day the Messenger was printed the following program was presented by the Liahona club.

Date: Monday, May 26.

Place: The Green Room at Hotel Leamington.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Featured speaker was Mr. Albert Heiner, general traffic manager and assistant to the vice-president in charge of public relations and advertising of Kaiser Steel.

Plus musical numbers by Donna Wall, violinist, and Donna Smith, pianist.

We have missed seeing many of you at our last few meetings. Please come regularly and bring a friend. Meetings held every fourth Monday of the month.

Following your suggestion we are endeavoring to keep the meetings short and concise. Please be on time. Remember! Wear your club pin or be fined 25c.

Two-Stake Relief Society Convention Attended By .. Two Leaders From General Board

The Relief Society convention held in the Oakland Chapel on May 12 was very successful and well attended, according to Hazel H. Allen, Oakland stake. General Board representatives gave important instructions and advice to Stake and Ward workers.

The morning session was planned for Stake Board members. A delightful luncheon was served at noon by the Oakland Stake Board; headed by Pres. Della Swenson. Stake President Mayhew and Pres. Wright, also Bishop Van Noy and High Councilman Timothy Morley were in attendance representing the two stake presidencies, bishop and high councils.

Pres. D. F. Wright sounded the keynote of the afternoon meeting. He gave two qualifications for church workers. 1st to be worthy. By this he said we must have love in our heart; be clean in body and mind; be loyal to our leaders; and be able to take council. 2nd Have a desire to serve; to be unselfish, willing to share with others.

The Singing Mothers of the Oakland Stake furnished the music, directed by Beatrice Larson, with Neita Van Noy, accompanist.

● Merlo J. Pusey, currently associate editor of the Washington Post, a former editorial worker on the Deseret News, and also a winner of the 1952 Pulitzer Prize for his two-volume biography of Charles Evans Hughes, will receive the honorary degree of doctor of letters.

Oakland Stake Social and Activity Calendar

For the Month of June, 1952.

Tues., 3—Stake Music and Dance Festival, Hayward ward.
Sat., 7—Seven-Stake Dist. Dance Festival, Oakland H.S., 2-5 p.m.
Sat. 14—Show (Benefit Boy Scouts, Oak. Stake) Grand Lake Theatre 9 to 12 a. m.
Fri. 13; Sat. 14; Sun. 15—MIA General Con. Salt Lake City, Utah.
Tues. 24—Skating Party (4 East Wdars). San Leandro Ward Hose. See your local ward MIA officer for exact place and starting time.
Tues. 24—Stake Mia Maids Sports Outing, Arroyo Viejo Park.
Sun. 29—Stake Quarterly Conference, Oakland Ward.
Sun. Nite—29—Stake Boy Scout Court of Honor, Oakland Ward.

For the Month of July, 1952.

Tues. 8—Stake Story Telling Festival* 4 East Wards together and 4 West Wards together.
Fri. 11—Lucky Clover Dance * 4 West Wards together.

* All events marked with an astirisk, please check with your local ward MIA officers for exact places and starting times.

Beginning June 7, Saturday night dances will be held all summer at the Alameda ward chapel, 1201 Grand avenue, Alameda. Servicemen, Berkeley and San Francisco stakes are especially invited to attend.

Berkeley Stake MIA Calendar

June 1—1952-53 Mutual Year Starts (Summer Season).
June 7—2 p.m.—District dance festival, Oakland high school auditorium, seven stakes participating.
June 11 to 14—Camp Institute.
June 13-14-15—June Conference at Salt Lake City.

The Clash Between Science, Religion Declared Non-Existent By Univ. Dean

"Universities are typically devoted to intelligent scepticism and doubt, and authority is suspect. The Church is typically believing, accepting, and trusting with authority being paramount and revelation the avenue of truth. These two positions have led to the expulsion of revelation from academic life."

Such were the observations of Dr. Asahel D. Woodruff, Dean of the Graduate School of Brigham University, who addressed members of the Forest Dale Literary Club at the Lion House in Salt Lake City, Wednesday May 14, 1952.

"Revelation actually deals with the establishment of administrative proceedure in spiritual matters," he continued, "the setting up of goals and values, and the explanation of relationships between God and man. It rarely deals with facts about the physical world or the laws and processes of nature. Hence, the clash is really non-existant.

"At BYU," he said, "we are attempting to be realists about these things in the larger sense. We believe that revelation establishes goals and values, and frequently indcates to us where researching the avenue to facts, can be fruitful."

He concluded, "We also believe that research can help us implement our religious values, and to more fully understand some of our revealed truths."

Mormon Male Chorus Program Exceeds All Previous Performances

Warm and long-lasting applause, as well as generous spoken commendation marked the May 22 concert of the Mormon Male Chorus in the Berkeley chapel as the most successful and satisfying yet presented by that popular organization.

Led by that able and self-effacing director, Robert Sant, the chorus presented under the auspices of the stake's two quorums of Seventy a program that ranged from deeply moving spiritual themes to light-hearted parodies and closed with two numbers expressly appropriate to the near-approaching Memorial Day, a program in fact which charmed the two hours of rendition into seeming short minutes.

Besides the sonorous, close-blending harmonies of the choral numbers by the 30-voiced group of sturdy men, special favorites of the evening proved to be the soloists chosen from among the chorus itself. Afton Stout in the basso profundo number, "When the Bell in the Lighthouse Rings Ding Dong," and in the heart-moving "Little Boy Blue," was satisfying as always. Blaine Wilson's clear, expressive and dramatically rendered five numbers were of outstanding fidelity and pleasing impressiveness.

Fantasia by Mozart as rendered by Neil McCarthy on the piano in a masterful manner that held the large audience in silent, wrapped attention for every minute of the long composition, marked Brother McCarthy as a very sympathetic interpreter of the meditative Mozart. Neil's accompanying of the chorus was also artistically done.

The stake is now looking forward to hearing this excellent group of artists again in the concert under the auspices of the Berkeley stake Genealogical Committee Saturday, June 7. This performance will be open to all without any charge in the Berkeley chapel. Nico D. Snel and Donna Lee Wall will add their powers to charm through music to the Male Chorus that evening.